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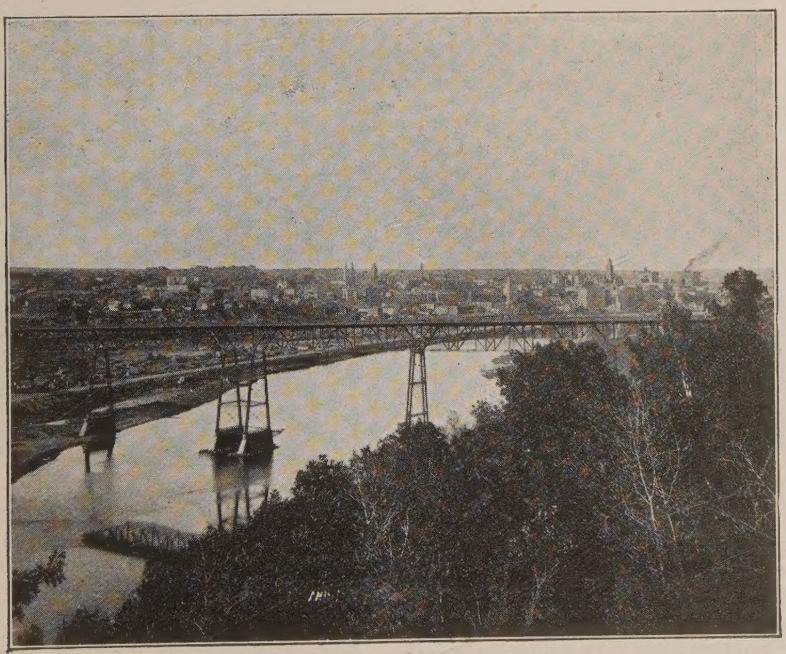
Luther League Review

St. Paul-Minneapolis

The Convention Cities

THE fifth convention of the Luther League of America will be held in these, "The Twin Cities of the Northwest," on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 8, 9 and 10. The work of our conventions is not confined solely to the sessions, but includes material for pleasant jaunts, fresh thought, new friendships and historical and educational knowledge to gladden and encourage the hearts and minds of our delegates for the coming years. It is hoped and confidently expected that the sojourn in the "Twin Cities" will serve as delightful memories for life.



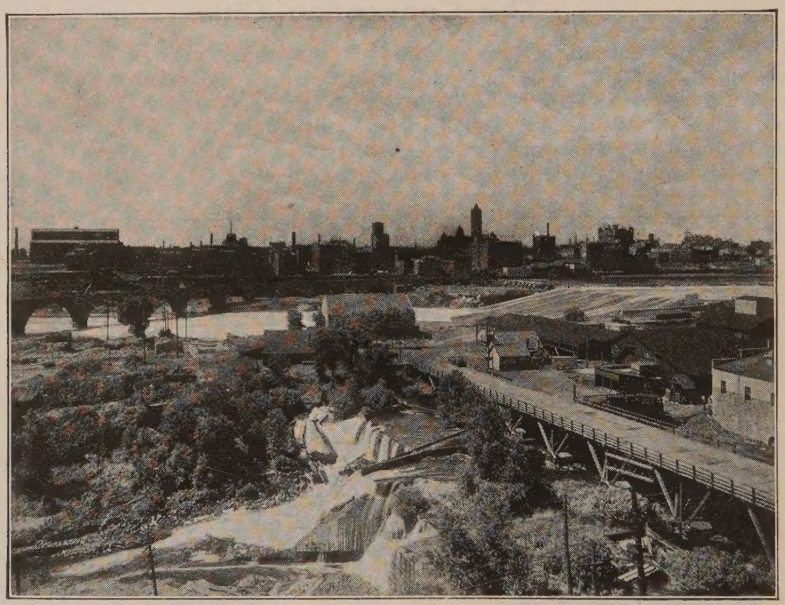
ST. PAUL

Singularly enough, we accept in a large measure the term "The Granary of the World," by which these cities are distinguished in the commercial world, as being typical of them. While this, in itself, may be very true, it nevertheless gives only the impression of flour mills and grain elevators, clouds of dust and dusty millers, without one inkling of the extraordinary beauty of the cities and the surroundings.

Indeed, the term is most misleading, for these cities present numerous features so attractive and unique that they have also brought a certain celebrity, in a sense more

local, or perhaps, in a lesser degree, than the commercial characteristics, so world-wide in influence, have attained.

Situated on the Father of Waters, and spreading along both banks until they touch, with a vast area of more than a hundred square miles, covered with palaces of industry and of private dwellings; decked with parks and lakes; skirted with summer resorts—here is the mecca for all who cherish comfort with enjoyment and the quiet excitement found in a combination of city and suburban life. Here are hundreds of miles of paved avenues and arbored boulevards, flanked by inviting houses and gorgeous landscapes, studded with glistening lakes;



MINNEAPOLIS

a foliage so profuse as to suggest the vine-clad hills of sunny France, and all combining to make an ideal city and almost a veritable paradise. It seems as if nature had never been so munificent, and what her hand has left undone the hand of man has improved.

We also have an opportunity to study the intensely modern city, both being practically founded within the last 50 years, and attaining prominence only within the past 25.

St. Paul

the capital of the State, where the business sessions of the convention will be held, has an interesting history. The famous old Fort Snelling was located at the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers in 1819 and 1820, and under the shadow of it Meadota became a trading place with the Indians. In 1841 a little Catholic chapel was built at the bend of the river, by Father Lucien Galtier, and called The Chapel of St. Paul, which gave the name to the settlement and later to the city. In 1843 the white population was 12 souls; in 1844 the first frame house was erected; in 1847 the first hotel, the first physician and the first drug store began business; in 1849 the first steamboat line upon the Mississippi River began its trips between St. Paul and St. Louis, the first election held, 39 votes being cast; in 1850 the first mayor of the city, then having 850 population, was elected. In 1860 the population had become 10,000, in 1870 it was 20,300; in 1880 it was 41,178; in 1890, 133,156; in 1900 the United States census placed the population at 163,632, not including suburbs, which would bring the total up to 200,000.

The area of the city of St. Paul is 55 square miles; the park system covers 585 acres; graded streets, 385 miles; paved streets, 50 miles; lighted streets, 335 miles; 16 electric street car lines, with 140 miles of service.

The city of St. Paul is the railway center and gateway to the great Northwest, with seven lines to Chicago and East, four to Lake Superior, five to Canada, four to the Pacific, three to the Southwest, and four to the South. All this has developed since

1862, when there were but 10 miles of railroad in Minnesota. The records show that 150 passenger trains arrive and depart, with a daily average of 1000 cars, 30,000 passengers arriving and departing daily on these trains.

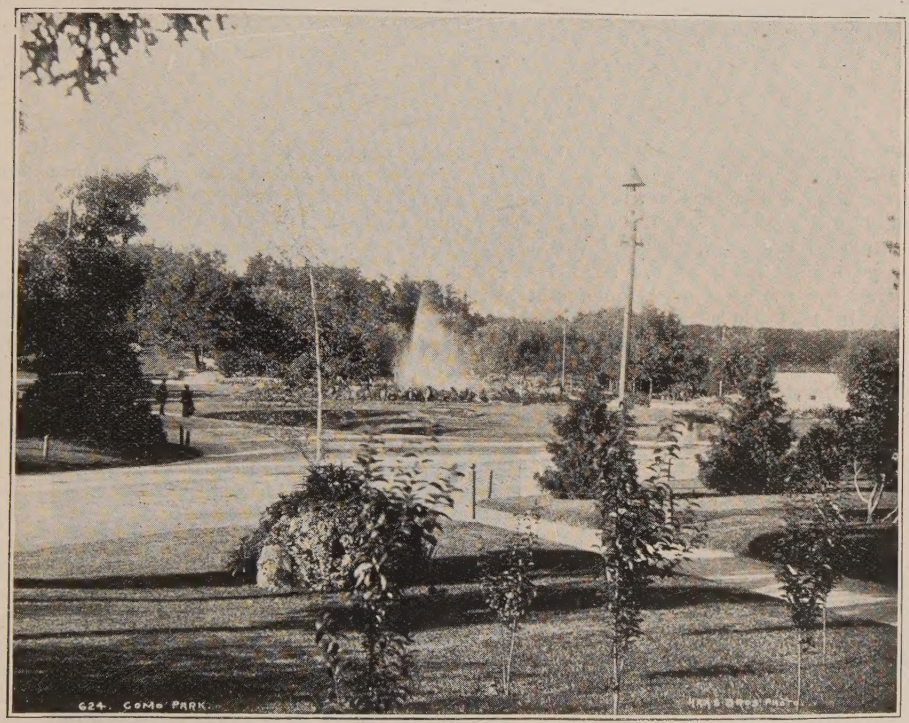
The Lutherans form about a third of the Protestant strength of the city, having 26 congregations, with about 9000 communicant members. They have parochial schools, two hospitals and four colleges and seminaries.

The points of interest to the visitor are the new and old State capitols. The new capitol, as shown on the cover of this number, is now complete with the exception of the dome, and will well repay a visit.

There is not in North America any more fascinating spot than Como, the pride of St. Paul. The park contains 396 acres and the lake has a surface of 142 acres. The park is entered from the pretty Swiss station, a scene of beauty meets the vision, lovely foliage, velvety greensward, great banks of flowers, wayside plants, groves, walks and driveways. Glimmering through the trees is the flashing water of the lake; just beyond are the boat houses and the grand pavilion, where open air concerts are given and refreshments served.

In another direction is Indian Mound Park. Foot paths wind up the grass covered sides of the mounds, and from the summit is presented a view of grandeur. At the foot of the high bluffs flows the Mississippi, and from this point of vantage is seen, as nowhere else, a composite panorama of a great city. Besides these, there are 22 minor parks. Within the limits of St. Paul, or within 10 miles are 60 lakes.

Summit avenue and Summit avenue boulevard are the finest residence streets. It is a continuous vista, for miles, of noble architecture, large and elegantly kept grounds, flowers in bloom everywhere, and all the evidence of wealth and culture.

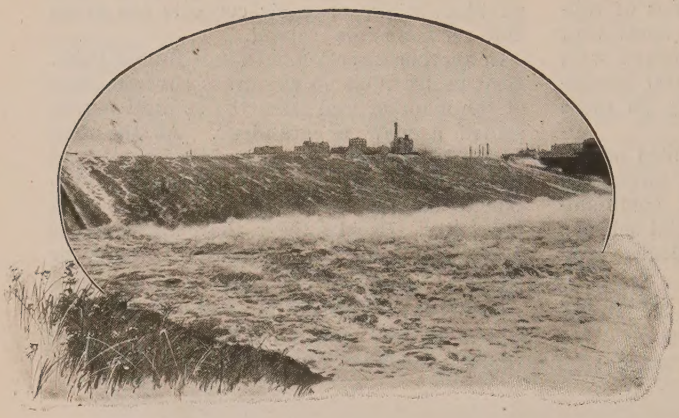


COMO PARK, ST. PAUL

Minneapolis

with its great flouring mills supplying the world with bread, and its great lumber mills has also had a wonderful growth, the result of Western push and pluck.

As early as 1680 a Catholic priest, Father Louis Hennepin, pushed his way up the Mississippi until he discovered the beautiful Falls of St. Anthony, which he so named



ST. ANTHONY'S FALLS, MINNEAPOLIS

after the patron saint of the expedition. About 1823 the Government erected a grist mill at the falls, and a little settlement grew up around this, which was afterward, 1855, incorporated as the town of St. Anthony; another settlement grew up not far distant, which was incorporated as Minneapolis in 1866; but in 1871 these were united in a strong and lasting wedlock, St. Anthony yielding to the wife and taking her name, Minneapolis, and growing together into a strong and populous city with some 30 Lutheran churches, mostly Scandinavian.

As points of interest there are the colossal flour mills, one of the wonders of the world. The lumber mills where, in almost the twinkling of an eye, a rough log is converted into smooth boards. To go through one of those stupendous factories from beginning to end is almost a liberal education in itself. Minneapolis is beautiful for situation. The river runs between leafy shores over dimpled shallows and somber pools toward the gulf. The falls still speak as when the early silence was answered by the echo of nature's harmony. The parks are a literal paradise. The dozen lakes within our city limits are so many diamonds with park settings.

Kenwood Boulevard winds around and leads up bluffs and through woods to Lake of the Isles, which is as dreamy as any in old Italy. On fine boulevards or cycle tracks one rides to Lake Calhoun, with its dark blue water, terraced bank and green woodland bordering Lakewood Cemetery, the beautiful City of the Dead. Further, through Interlaken's wild forest, one wanders to Lake Harriet, set in its glacial basin with wooded banks and lassoed by the best roads the hand of nature ever threw. On forever, almost like the brook, one follows Minnehaha Creek to the falls immortalized by Longfellow in his enduring epic poem of Hiawatha.

Fort Snelling, one of the oldest landmarks of the Northwest, is situated half way between Minneapolis and St. Paul. It is perched on a high bluff 200 feet above the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers. It is as picturesque a piece of landscape as can be seen on the river. It was named after Colonel Snelling, who was in command in 1820, at a time when the nearest town was St. Louis, 900 miles away. Barracks are made of hewn logs and stone; the fort,

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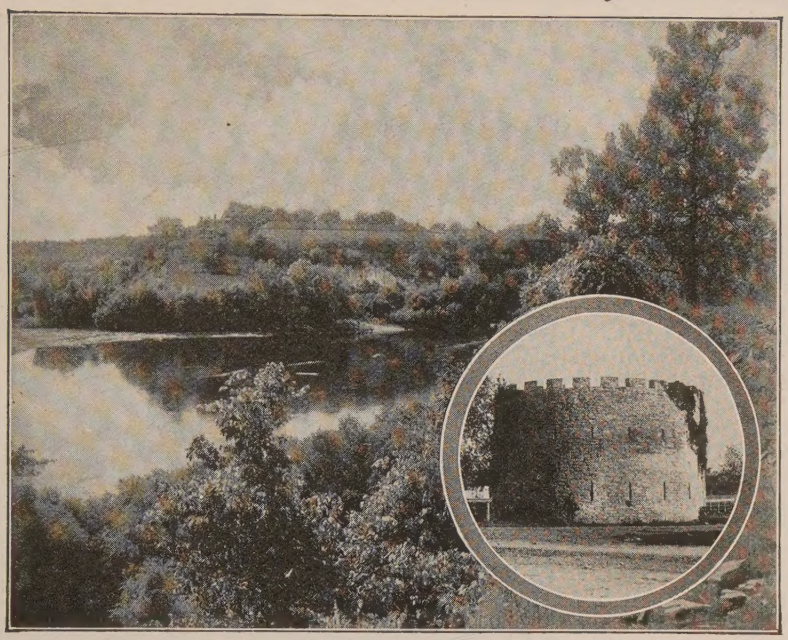

FORT SNELLING

constructed in the form of a diamond, conforms to the angle of the ground. The old tower on the bluff was the city of refuge for the whites from Indian massacre. Lake Minnetonka, a noted summer resort, is only a few miles distant.

Hon. Andrew D. White, our Ambassador to Germany, said: "In days gone by I had greatly admired scenes visible from the great streets of Edinburg, which some have pronounced the finest city in the world, but driving about Minneapolis, and from Minneapolis to St. Paul, I became convinced that the beauties there to be seen are even of a higher range than those of the Scottish capital.

"The Twin Cities" are priming themselves as the hosts of our Luther League delegates. Much has been promised, but they may anticipate more. Geographically situated, equidistant from the Atlantic and the Pacific, just far enough north to insure, during the month of July, cool nights and balmy days, one of the most accessible railroad points in the world, all these contribute to make the ideal convention city. There is blood vigor and muscle in its life; heart, brain and youthfulness in its energies. They are breathed in the very air, which is buoyant and friendly. The climate is exhilarating, invigorating and stimulates our latent forces. Come, for it will be good to be there, good for yourself, good for the League, and good for our dear Church.

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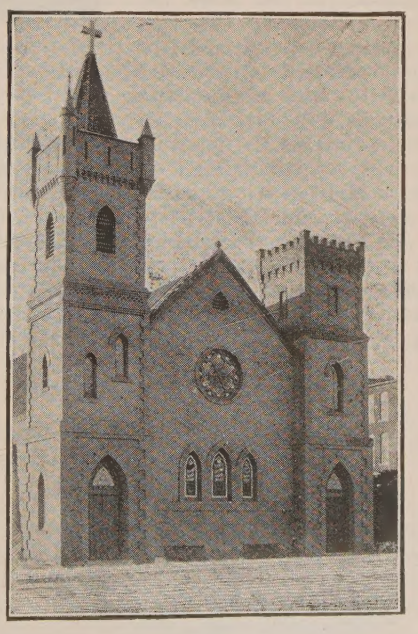
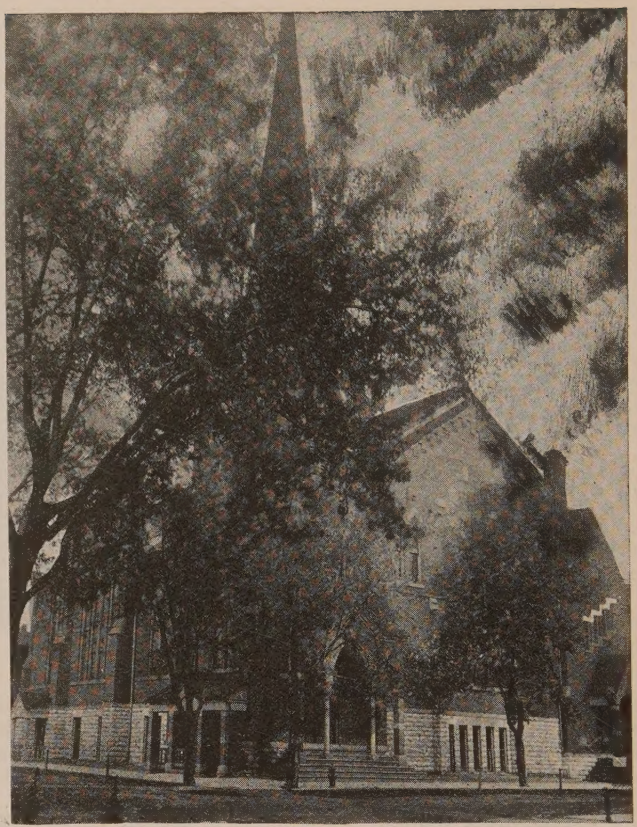


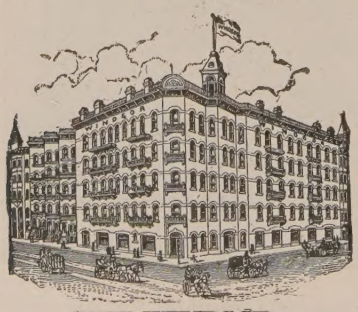
MEMORIAL CHURCH, ST. PAUL
Where the Business Sessions of the Convention Will be Held

The Transportation Committee, John F. Dinkey, Rochester, N. Y., chairman, is endeavoring to arrange for a straight one-fare rate for the round trip for points west of Pittsburgh, or in the Central Passenger Association's territory. However, even if this is not granted, the fare in this territory, as well as from all other points, will be one fare for the round trip, plus $2. We share this rate with the National Educational Association, whose convention will be held in Minneapolis July 7 to 11. The extra $2 entitles the purchaser of the railroad ticket to membership for the year in the N. E. A. For it he gets the printed proceedings, whether he is a teacher or not. The only other expense is 25 cents when the ticket is countersigned by the joint railroad agent at the N. E. A. hall in Minneapolis, or 50 cents if it is to be extended to September 1.



FIRST SWEDISH CHURCH, ST. PAUL
Where the Opening Session of the Convention Will be Held

The *Epiphany Star* of Manayunk, edited by Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, in its issue for May, in announcing the fifth convention of the Luther League of America, to be held in the Twin Cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, adds the following words of interest: "It would be well if every Leaguer could attend, or if our society could be represented, so as to get the spirit that comes from these conventions. But since we cannot be present let us watch the daily papers, read the proceedings and get at least a little of the enthusiasm, so that we as a League may keep in line with the great work of our young people."



The Convention Headquarters

The sole lasting guarantee of the perpetuation of a decent society is to have more good people in it than evil people, and the only force that can make really good people, by retail and wholesale, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.—*Observer.*

From New York to Minneapolis

The rate from New York to Minneapolis and return via the Lehigh Valley and Grand Trunk railways will be $31.50 for the round trip; tickets on sale July 4 to 6, return limit July 14; by paying a fee of 50 cents at Minneapolis an extension of return limit can be had until September 1. The Lehigh Valley will allow a stop-over of ten days or less at Niagara Falls, either on going or return trip. After the close of the Teachers' meeting a rate will be in effect to Yellowstone Park and return of $85 for the round trip, which will include all necessary expenses for rail transportation from St. Paul or Minneapolis to Cinnabar and return, a double berth in Pullman sleeper, all meals in dining car, served table d'hote, and a complete tour of the park for 5½ days, including meals, lodging and stage for that time. No less than 100 nor more than 125 people will be taken on one train, and it would therefore be advisable for any who desire to take advantage of this tour to make arrangements before leaving for the meeting.

Luther League of America

Fifth Convention

ST. PAUL - MINNEAPOLIS

July 8, 9 & 10th. 1902.

The National Call

THE fifth national convention of the Luther League of America will be held in the Twin Cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 8, 9 and 10, 1902. The business sessions will be held in the Memorial English Lutheran Church, Sixth, between Franklin and Exchange streets, St. Paul. The first session, on Tuesday evening, July 8, will be held in the First Swedish Lutheran Church of St. Paul. Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or Lutheran institution of learning, is entitled to one delegate, each district association to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates.

This call urges all Lutheran societies of whatever name, and however synodically related, to send delegates to this fifth convention. It is only through united effort and the determination of each League to contribute its share that the convention will be a full success.

C. G. GRAUER, Assistant General Secretary. W. C. STOEVER, President.

A Word for the Local Committees

Dear Luther Leaguers of America:

We are planning to receive you with true Western hospitality. We trust that you will find that our hearts are large and our arms are long enough to embrace all who come. We believe that it will be a good thing for you to see what the great Northwest really is, and promise you that you will not be called upon to lose any of your scalps to the ferocious Indians, as some still seem to fear.

Within walking distance of the depot (though you can ride if you wish to) are our leading hotels, and these again are not far from either of the churches or from the Auditorium, where the grand rally is to be held. The Local Committee decided to make the Windsor Hotel convention headquarters, as it is so accessible to the Memorial Church, where the business sessions will be held. It is located at Fifth and St. Peter streets and grants rates of $2 and $3 per day, American plan. The Metropolitan, at Fourth and Washington, also very near the church, has made rates of $1.50 and $2. This is also a fine hotel and at one time was considered the best family hotel in the city. The Clarendon, at Sixth and Wabasha, is two and a half blocks from the church, with rates at $1.50 per day, American, and from 75 cents to $1 single and $1 to $2 double, European. The Hotel Astoria, on Wabasha street, near Sixth, is 50 cents to $1.50, European. The Hotel Ryan, which is the largest hotel in the city, is not quite so convenient to the church, but nearer to the station. It is located at Sixth and Robert streets, and allows us rates of $2.50 and $3.50. There are intermediate rates, of course, in all these cases. The Merchant's, at Third and Jackson streets, and the Kendall, at Fourth and Jackson streets, are also first class hotels, but are nearer the station and not so convenient to the church.

Prof. C. G. Schultz has been selected as chairman of the Reception Committee, and if you will kindly notify him as to when you expect to arrive, and on which one of the many roads you expect to reach the city, and at which hotel you prefer to abide, he will try to have an escort for you. He is the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction and can be found or addressed at the State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

Memorial Church, in which the business sessions are to be held, will be open on Tuesday afternoon as a rendezvous for the incoming delegates and friends. We sincerely hope that every State, central and individual League will be represented at this *farthest West,* national convention. A hearty welcome to all.

Yours for Christ and the Church,

ALEX. J. D. HAUPT,
Pastor of Memorial Church and chairman of the Local Committee.

From the above it will readily be seen that every preparation is being made to receive royally all delegates and visitors to the fifth national convention. The Twin City Central League devoted a large part of its recent convention to discussing the preparation for the coming national meeting and to arouse enthusiasm for the great event. All that is needed now is for every society and league to elect a delegate, and for central and

State League to see that they are properly represented. Let every section of the country be represented, from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon.

The programme is being arranged and will probably be announced in the July number, which will be issued so as to reach subscribers at least a week before the convention. At the opening session on Tuesday evening Gov. S. R. Van Sant will make an address of welcome for the commonwealth of Minnesota. The president of the State League, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, and the president of the Twin City Central League, Mr. Nels Jansen, will also speak words of welcome. On Wednesday evening services will probably be held in three churches, in both Minneapolis and St. Paul. A chorus is being organized under the direction of Henry W. Knauff, chairman of the Local Music Committee, for the large rally meeting to be held in the Auditorium of St. Paul, on Thursday evening. At this meeting the speakers will be Frank A. Hartranft, Esq., of Philadelphia; Rev. Carl A. Swensson, D.D., of Lindsburg, Kans., and Rev. I. H. Harpster, D.D., of India.

The convention topic, as already announced, will be Working and Praying—Praying and Working.

For further particulars regarding hotels, boarding houses, etc., address Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, 175 Iglehart street, St. Paul, Minn.

Regarding railroads, etc., J. F. Dinkey, Esq., B. R. & P. R. R., Rochester, N. Y.

Regarding programme, etc., E. F. Eilert, A.M., chairman Executive Committee, Luther League of America, P. O. Box 876, New York City.

Our Convention Motto

Working and Praying—Praying and Working

By Rev S. G. Weiskotten

WHEN we work for Christ we work for the best and greatest of causes; the best since it is the cause of God; the greatest since it is the cause that fills eternity.

To do the work there is one absolutely essential requisite faith. Only the work done in faith is acceptable to God. "What is not of faith is sin." It will not stand. It is hay and stubble that cannot endure the tests which are sure to be applied. The more faith that enters into our work the more full of vital power will it be. The churches, institutions, movements begun and built up in faith are the ones that are "filled with the spirit," full of power that lives and throbs, pulsates and energizes. All Christian history proves this. It could not be otherwise, for faith brings God into the work. When God is in it there is no limit to its possibilities.

Therefore, men of faith are always men of prayer. They believe, therefore they pray. The progressing man is the achieving man. Witness Paul, Luther, Mueller.

Said a friend to us the other day, "It is delightful to work when you have plenty of money to begin with." We answered, "It is more delightful when you have none to begin with." If you have tried it you know how true it is. Oh, the joy of praying your work forward. What revelations of God's nearness, and love, and personal interest in your work. Whatever new revelations of this that come to you only as you pray your way through difficulties and discouragements, revelations that are more precious than any outward success or applause. With that revelation there comes also to the worker who has brought out his work through prayer, the sweet answer to the heart's cry, "and establish Thou the work of our hands, yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

That the Luther League has a great work to do is evident to all who have eyes to see. There are difficulties and discouragements as in every great work. But if we are men and women of prayer the work will be done. We can pray our way through all difficulties to abiding success.

As we go to the next convention to meet the work face to face, as it will be presented, and by some of the most earnest men and women in our Church, let us go with the spirit of prayer. Let those who attend the meeting and those who remain at home make the convention and its work a subject of earnest prayer. In our churches, in our family worship, in our private devotions, let us pray God's guidance and blessing on this coming convention. It is worth our while, for in its work, in and through and for the Church, the League can do much to bring in the Kingdom of God and the day when all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

EAST-and-WEST

A STORY OF TWO.

BY LEANDER S. KEYSER.

Chapter III.—"Knighthood in Flower"

LUTHER COLBURN was not the young man to defer carrying out a resolve. At half-past seven that evening he was ringing Pastor Wilsden's doorbell. It was a large and somewhat elegant home, proving that the occupant was not living in poverty, to say the least.

A plainly dressed woman came to the door. Although she looked as neat as the proverbial "new pin," there was evidence in her appearance that much of her time was spent in doing the work of the house, which was certainly nothing to her discredit. Her face was kindly enough, but did not proclaim any special spirituality.

"Is Mr. Wilsden at home?" Luther inquired, lifting his hat.

"Not at present, but we're expecting him every minute," the woman replied. "Do you wish to see him on—any—special business?"

"Yes, I've come on church business," Luther replied, emphasizing the word "church."

"Will you step into the parlor? He may be back soon."

Luther entered the large and richly furnished parlor. As he looked about, the thought came to Luther that Pastor Wilsden was not poor even if his church was. The woman soon gave him to understand that she was Mrs. Wilsden.

"My husband has gone out to the farm," she said. "Several of the cattle broke into the alfalfa field last night and foundered themselves. So Mr. Wilsden had to go out and work with them. I'm afraid they're pretty bad off, and that's what's keeping him so late. It will be too bad if we have to lose some of our fine stock! If they die, it will be a loss of over four hundred dollars!"

The woman seemed to be very uneasy about the cattle, reverting to the subject again and again during the half hour that Luther tarried in the parlor. She frequently went to the window to see whether her husband was not returning. "I do wonder whether the cattle might have died," she lamented.

Luther made his errand known in the intervals of the conversation about the poor cattle, and then took his leave, saying he would come some other evening. The woman expressed mild regret that her husband was not at home, but obviously her solicitude about the foundered cattle was a good deal more intense.

Walking home, Luther felt indignant and disheartened, but it is not necessary to put his moral reflections on paper. In a few days he had recovered his equipoise and optimistic spirits. One evening he again made his way to the Lutheran pastor's residence. This time Mr. Wilsden was at home. After Luther had stated his errand, the minister treated him quite cordially, inviting him into his library and smiling upon him in a really engaging way. The man had a kindly face and genial manners. Personally, Luther could not help liking this preacher-farmer-real-estate-man. What a power he might be in the Church if it were wholly devoted to his sacred calling! That was a thought that ran through the young man's mind during the conversation.

"Did you receive a letter relating to me from Dr. Heldberg, of Redford?" Luther inquired.

"Why—let me see—I don't recall," the minister stammered.

"This was about four weeks ago."

"Oh! four weeks ago! Let me think—Heldberg — Redford — Colburn — I have a vague recollection of something of the kind. Wait till I look through the letters in my pigeonhole."

He fumbled around among some letters and papers that he drew from the recess. At length, he exclaimed:

"Why, yes, here is an evelope with Dr. Heldberg's name and address on it." He drew the letter out of its covering, and glanced over it. "Ah! yes, I remember now. You must excuse me for not calling. I—I have been very busy, very much occupied of late. I meant to call, but other—matters—interfered—and I—I almost forgot about Dr. Heldberg's letter. I'm very glad you desire to unite with the Church. You can join any Sunday morning. We have need of

talented and energetic young men in the Church."

"I should prefer to be received next Sunday morning," said Luther. "I don't believe in keeping church letters until they become yellow with age."

"That's right," rejoined Pastor Wilsden, smiling blandly. "What you say reminds me of a story I once heard a Lutheran minister tell. A woman had moved from the East to the West, and had brought her church letter with her. She left it lying in the bottom of her trunk for a long time, and wholly neglected her church duties in her new home. One day her little girl was rummaging around in the trunk, when she discovered the church letter. She ran to her mother, exclaiming: 'Mamma, mamma, I found your religion in the bottom of the trunk!'"

Mr. Wilsden laughed heartily at the story he had told. He seemed to enjoy the joke of it immensely, rubbing his hands together and throwing back his head. Presently he added:

"I notice another young man mentioned in Dr. Heldberg's letter—Henry Steinman. Who is he?"

Luther told the minister about his friend, adding: "I hope you will see him soon. He is not, I fear, a very sturdy Lutheran, and if he is not looked after, he may go elsewhere, or give up church attendance altogether."

"Too bad! too bad!" exclaimed Mr. Wilsden, talking as if by rote. "There are too many Lutherans who forget and ignore their own Church when they come West. There seems to be no way to correct the evil."

"They must be carefully looked after as soon as they arrive," Luther suggested, as mildly as he could.

"Yes, I suppose so," returned the pastor, squirming a little. "Let me have young Steinman's address. I will call on him at the first opportunity."

The next Sunday morning Luther became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Pastor Wilsden displayed a good deal of interest in receiving him, his eyes gleaming with tears and his voice trembling with emotion. There were times when the spark of spiritual life in his heart was quickened into flame, and he seemed to be a transfigured man. His sermon that morning was unusually stirring.

"I'm told you united with the Lutheran Church, yesterday," was Henry Steinman's mocking salutation the next morning.

"Yes, sir," Luther replied cheerfully. "My only regret is that you didn't stand with me at the altar."

"Pshaw! You don't expect me to go and join an insignificant little institution like that, do you? The fact is, I've been attending the P—— Church the last three Sundays. It's that fine, large stone church on Washington avenue. Ah! it's a rich and influential church, I tell you—just the kind of a church to join if you want to get into the best social circles of the city. It will help one in his profession, too, to belong to a church like that. The congregations are very large. Something more than a 'corporal's guard,' I can tell you. The singing is of the first order from an artistic point of view, and the preacher is quite an orator. Nothing shabby about *that* church!"

"I'm glad to know that the church is so prosperous," observed Luther. "I wish all churches that honor Christ and his Word nothing but success. But it occurs to me, from your own presentation of the case, that the P—— Church doesn't stand greatly in need of your help. The Lutheran Church does, as you know. Now, since you were born and brought up a Lutheran, doesn't it seem to you that you owe your service to the Lutheran Church?"

"Oh! Luther, that's entirely too altruistic for me," scoffed the other. "I'm not seeking for self-immolation. It sounds goody-goody to me, too. What's the difference to which church I belong, just so I belong somewhere? I'm tired of this everlasting preaching, this talking about duty. The fact is, I've got something more interesting to tell you. It's a little secret." Henry drew near his interlocutor and spoke in a lower tone. "I've met a young lady in the P—— Church who is perfectly adorable. I wish you could see her, Luther; though I should be jealous of you if you looked at her more than two or three seconds. I've been her escort to the services for the last two Sunday evenings."

"She is a member of the P—— Church, is she?"

"Oh! yes, quite an active one."

"Then I'm afraid the Lutheran Church stands little chance in the midst of such strong competition. I can only say I'm sorry. Bring the young lady to our church—why not?"

"Why, Luther Colburn! I'm amazed! Do you suppose for a moment I would take her to a little, poverty-pinched, out-of-the-way church like that? Bah!"

"Good-day, then. I've said all I can."

It was gratifying to note that some marks of progress were visible in the Lutheran church after Luther became actively identified with it. His own enthusiasm stirred the interest of his uncle, who was a man of

considerable wealth and influence. He doubled his subscription to the current expenses, and, besides, gave a considerable sum for repairing and renovating the church, which was made much more inviting, both in the interior and on the outside. For a while Mr. Wilsden seemed to be quickened into new life and activity, his sermons improving in fervency and power of thought. All this told on the audiences, which increased quite perceptibly, while the members became more regular in attendance.

Happily Luther had a tenor voice of fair power and quality, and had taken some pains to cultivate it under competent instruction. The musically inclined people soon insisted on his taking a place in the choir, thereby relieving Mr. Wilsden. The other members of the choir were singers of no mean talents, and so there was soon a marked improvement in the music of the services. Luther's next effort was in the direction of organizing the young people of the church into a Luther League. It was slow and discouraging work, but Luther was not easily daunted.

However, as the summer advanced Mr. Wilsden became so absorbed in his farm that he devoted less and less attention to the affairs of the church, seldom having time to call on a parishioner. Even the sick were sometimes neglected. It frequently happened that when some of his people wanted him for a funeral service, they were compelled to go out to his farm to find him. His preaching was becoming more and more mechanical, and as a result his audiences began to dwindle. What should be done? Luther and his uncle often discussed the situation, but could come to no satisfactory conclusion as to their duty. Averse to making trouble in the church and stirring Mr. Wilsden's wrath by asking him to resign, Mr. Colburn and his nephew felt that they were helpless.

For a number of weeks Luther did not meet Henry Steinman, who seemed to avoid his society. One evening Luther called on his friend at his well-appointed rooms in one of the downtown blocks.

"How is the work moving along in the business college?" Luther asked.

"Very prosperously," Henry replied. "I'm in love with my work. It's just the kind of work I find congenial to my tastes. My classes are large and making rapid progress."

Luther was glad to hear the gratifying news of his friend's success. Presently he turned the conversation into religious channels.

"By the way, I suppose Mr. Wilsden has called on you," he said, half inquiringly.

"No, indeed, not he!"

"Nor left his card?"

"No Lutheran minister's card was ever left at my door."

"That's strange."

"Not strange at all!" snapped Henry. "That fellow's not interested in folks. He doesn't care for any one's salvation. I tell you, he's interested in cattle. You talk to him about the various brands, short-horns, Durhams, and the rest, and see how his eyes will flash. Talk to him about church and he's as dull as a post. Of course, I'd just as soon he wouldn't call, but, after all, his failure to do so simply proves that he's not interested in the spiritual welfare of the people, or in the advancement of the Lutheran Church. One can see that with half an eye. How differently the P—— minister acts! He has called on me three times, and has visited the college once or twice. He hunted me up the very next week after I went to his service the first time. There's a man who attends to the business he professes to follow. The M—— minister has been to see me too. If a man wants to make anything win out, especially here in the West, he's got to push it for all it's worth. That's what the Lutheran preachers and people of the West have got to do, or they never will succeed."

"No one can deny the truth of your pointed little sermon. You haven't joined the P—— Church, have you?"

"No; but I've given my name to Mr. Belding, and expect to be received next Sunday morning."

"It that so?" Luther's lips quivered. "I wish you godspeed in your spiritual life, Henry. You haven't done as I have advised, but we shall always be friends."

"Of course! of course! Come and see me often, old fellow, and don't take it hard that I didn't join in with the Lutheran people. I'm really not equal to the sacrifice, Luther. Must you go? Good-night, then."

If ever Luther was tempted to be disloyal to his training and principles, it was that night as he walked along the moonlit streets toward his lodging. On his way, he passed the imposing P—— Church, with its stately dome daguerreotyped against the opal sky, and this picture of wealth and magnificence did not tend to compose his emotions when he contrasted them with the distressed condition and dubious future of his own little church.

Another trial was destined to enter into Luther's life, and cast a deep shadow upon it.

One evening he and his uncle were invited to a social function in one of the most

elegant homes of the city. It was at this gathering that he met that fascinating young lady, Belle Devore. She threw the spell of her beauty and captivating charms about him. True, he had met many other girls, some of them quite engaging, but none had ever won him as Miss Devore did. Not only was her beauty of that dark, compelling kind that storms the masculine heart, but she was also quick witted, well educated and a vivacious conversationalist. Her manners were as winsome as her smile. It was natural, therefore, for the young man to admire her, especially as she apparently looked upon his attentions with favor. It must not be thought that she was a flirt. Her interest in Luther was evidently genuine.

He called on her at her home several times, and then began to appear in her company at evening lectures and entertainments. One evening, after the acquaintance had grown somewhat in intimacy, she turned to him and said archly:

"Mr. Colburn, I should be pleased to have you go with me to my church next Sunday evening."

It must be confessed that Luther was disconcerted by this sudden and unexpected invitation from the fair girl. She was a member of the E—— Church, one of the largest churches of the city; one, too, that was considered quite "aristocratic," if that wretched term may ever be applied to a congregation of Christians. Luther was so deeply interested in the girl that he was desirous of pleasing her. To refuse her request might offend her. Yet he felt that he had a duty to perform. A few moments of mental debate followed. Then he replied:

"It would give me much pleasure, Miss Devore, to go with you to your church, but I am really needed at my own church service, although it may sound a little egotistical to say so."

"Couldn't you be spared one evening?"

"I suppose I could; but, you see, I'm the only tenor in the choir, and if I should be absent, there could be no anthem. Besides, our congregations are small, and I don't feel that I should absent myself, except on the most urgent necessity. It would discourage the pastor and the loyal members of the church. Besides, my example might be followed by the other young people of the congregation."

"Why, Mr. Colburn!" she exclaimed, her eyes scintillant. "You are an extremely loyal Lutheran. Almost ultra, aren't you?"

"I hope not, Miss Devore," he rejoined, his lips quivering for fear he had offended her. "My church needs me at every service. That is my reason for desiring to be there. It would seem to me to be wrong to——"

"Oh! of course, if you make it a matter of conscience, I won't say any more," she replied, with a proud toss of her head.

At that moment she looked more beautiful than ever, and yet for the first time Luther felt hurt and slightly repelled by her conduct. He would rather never have seen a scornful curl on her sweep lips. He never would have thought her capable of so hard a look as that which came for a moment to her face. Still, the next moment she appeared so lovely that he could almost have knelt before her. There was just the shadow of a pout on her lips.

"I hope I haven't offended you, Miss Devore," he said, humbly.

"Yes, you have—but not in the way you think." Her face had suddenly become radiant again.

"In what way, then?" he cried.

"Oh! I'm afraid you will think me too—too—frank."

"I like frank people."

"Do you?" There was a bewitching smile on her lips as she looked up into his serious face. "Then I'll say my little speech. It strikes me, if you can't go with me to my church, you ought to invite me to go with you to your church."

She made this proposal so naively and charmingly that it never struck him as bold. She was the most fascinating creature he had ever seen. He often wondered afterward that he did not insist then and there on taking her into his arms, but, of course, his gentlemanly instincts restrained him from committing such an act of rashness. However, when he realized the import of her request, he felt dismayed. The thought of taking this fashionable girl, accustomed to attending church services in the midst of affluence and refinement, to the plain, little church on Rose street, sent a chill to his marrow. He told her somewhat lamely that he scarcely thought she would care to go to his church. But the capricious girl persisted in her request, declaring she was not needed at her own church, and expressing a desire to "see how the Lutherans conducted their services."

The result was that Miss Devore had her way. She went with Luther to the Lutheran Church the next Sunday evening. In Luther's experience it was a memorable event—memorable for the poignant suffering it brought into his life. When he reached home after the service, his uncle was frightened at his white face.

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Luther League Topics

6th week after Trinity. July 6, 1902.

God's Word and Grace Not Irresistible

(Luke vii : 29-35)

Biblical Lesson reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers.—What is man's part in conversion ? How is man converted ? Where is the responsibility for the loss of the soul ? What can a man do to be saved ?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *The responsibility for our spiritual condition rests upon ourselves.*—Not that we can think a good thought, or do a good deed, of ourselves. We are by nature dead in trespasses and in sins. But that God has provided a way of salvation, a remedy for our deadness, a means of life, and has put it within our reach, also calling us, at the same time, from the sleep of death, and giving us the possibility of taking the elixir of life. If we refuse our death is upon our own heads. If we let Him pour the living waters into our mouths, we are made whole.

It would seem that a dead man could neither hear nor obey the call to arise. But the call of Jesus pierces dead ears. He spoke to the young man at Nain, to Jairus' daughter, to Lazarus, four days in the tomb. And in each case the dead heard, and came forth. With the call went the power to hear and to arise. If the young man, having heard the word "Arise," had resisted the command, had argued within himself, that it was an unreasonable injunction to address to a dead man, had refused to put forth the effort to lift himself up, then it is easy to conjecture he would have fallen instantly and hopelessly back into the condition of utter death. And such refusal to make use of the life power provided and offered would strongly resemble the frequent conduct of those to whom the Gospel call and the available power of the Holy Spirit come to-day through the Word of God. To them, also, as they hear, is given the power to respond. If they yield themselves to the call the Holy Spirit goes further and enlightens; if not resisted here, He sanctifies, or leads to Christ, working repentance and faith. If at the first step He is opposed by the stubborn will of the man who has, under the call, the freedom to give himself up, or by nature, the freedom to resist, the Holy Spirit leaves him. In the case of his salvation, man is saved wholly by the power of the Spirit. In the case of his condemnation, he is alone wholly responsible, because he resisted when he had the power not to resist. So God has all the glory and man has all the guilt.

It is so at every stage of the Christian life. We are what we are "by the grace of God;" we are not better than we are because of our own unwillingness to use the available grace unstintedly offered to us.

7th week after Trinity. July 13, 1902.

Rajahmundry Mission Field

(Acts xiii : 1-5)

Missionary Lesson reviewed by Rev C. F. Kuder, Marietta, Pa.

The political divisions of India are presidencies, provinces and kingdoms, ruled over by native tributary rajahs. That division in which the mission of the General Council is located is called the Madras Presidency, which is a strip of country along the Coromandel (or Eastern) Coast, stretching fully a thousand miles northeastward from Cape Cormorin, and having a width varying from 100 to 400 miles. The Presidency, like all other divisions, is divided into districts or jillas. One of these is called the Godavari District, after the magnificent river that, flowing through it, cuts it in twain, and empties into the Bay of Bengal. The district is divided into 12 taluks or counties and attached to it is the Godavari Agency, with five taluks situated in the hill country. The combined area of the district and agency is 7857 square miles, an extent not much smaller than the State of Rhode Island. The Canadian Baptists occupy two taluks to our exclusion and share four others with us; the Plymouth Brethren (who were the first to do Christian work in the district, antedating the first Lutheran missionary by several years) work side by side with us in two other taluks, while two other taluks—one in the district and one in the agency—are worked by Church of England Mission Society. This leaves for the General Council 13 taluks, either wholly or partly, with a Hindu population, according to the government census of 1891, of 1,627,838; Mussulmans, 28,170; Christians, 5884, and 43 others; a total population of 1,661,935. The census of 1901, I believe, gave a population of about two million.

These figures are appalling ! Counting whites, Baptists and Roman Catholics, there is not even one Christian for every square mile ! For every Christian there are nearly 300 non-Christians ! The household of faith is but as a drop in the ocean. Add to this the vast regions north and northwest of the Godavari District, in the Mohammedan Kingdom of Hyderabad Deccan and in the Central Provinces, where for miles upon miles no missionary has ever yet set foot,

and the disproportion becomes yet more distressing.

As will be observed, the Hindus are greatly in excess of all other classes. But they themselves are not a really homogeneous people, representing, as they do, aboriginal tribes and conquering peoples that from time to time swept into and over India from the countries lying to the northwest.

The people among whom the General Council's work is located and the language they speak are called Telugu. Owing to their remote situation from the northwest countries, whence came the earlier conquerors of India, the Telugus has been freer from foreign influences than most other people of the country; having had fewer wars, they are less warlike than, for example, the fierce Malerattas or the doughty Rajputs, and are indeed a very gentle and docile folk, among whom the gentle arts of peace, though of a primitive character, have flourished for centuries in almost unbroken security and calm.

The language, the original stock of which has been greatly enriched by Sanskrit and subsequently in a less degree by the tongues of Mohammedan, English and other conquerors, is exceedingly sweet and musical in sound and elaborate and highly inflected in form. The vocabulary is enormous, abounding in synonyms, and in terms of a philosophic, a pseudo-scientific and a voluptuous character, but is practically destitute of words of a truly spiritual signification.

With the exception of a little eminence here and there the district is quite level. The soil, for the greater part an alluvial deposit, is extremely fertile and under favorable conditions brings the husbandman a bounteous reward for his toil. Forty miles from the bay an immense anicut, 5 miles in length, stetches from bank to bank of the Godavari, of which the waters are by these means diverted into various canals that form an unfailing water supply for irrigation, bear life and prosperity to the dense masses, and become the chief means of travel and commercial transportation. Only 1 of the 22 districts of the Presidency surpasses the Godavari District in fertility and wealth. Surely the lines in India have fallen to our Church in pleasant places. It is a sight for weary eyes to behold, the bright, green rice fields waving in the gentle winds, and the glint of sunshine reflected from the bright waters of many a canal, while here and there the leafy palm droops its graceful branches over a hut nestling at its base.

The Hindus, as is generally known, are throughout India divided into five great classes. At the top of the scale stands the Brahmin or priestly class of caste, superior as a rule to all the others in point of intellect, culture and wealth. Next comes the Kshatriya caste, the royal or warrior class. The third is the Vaisya or merchant caste. The fourth and last class within the pale of Hindu society and religion is the Sudra caste, consisting of agriculturists, artisans, laborers and the like. Being more numerous than all other castes combined, the Sudras form the backbone of the country. Socially and civilly, Mohammedans rank as Sudras.

Finally at the bottom, degraded and despised, comes the fifth division of the people, the hated pariah or outcast. He is cast out from the body politic, social and religious, of Hinduism. No one cares for him. His touch, his shadow, his presence, is pollution to the caste-man. And of a truth, the image of God, wherein he too was made, seems almost wholly obliterated. Yet only almost, for the Gospel has taken hold of these people as of no other; the power of Heaven itself is being exerted for their spiritual regeneration and moral elevation, and not by any means in vain. Even the apathetic government has recognized the change by replacing the hated and hateful term pariah by the term Panchama—the fifth people—a word newly coined and of a neutral signification socially. This is the field and these the people where the General Council labors.

8th week after Trinity. July 20, 1902.

Prayer, the Voice of Faith

(Isaiah xxxvii : 15-20)

Biblical Lesson reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers—Why is prayer not to be classed as a means of grace ? What are the conditions of true prayer ? Is true prayer always answered ?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *Prayer is a means to grace*, but not a means of grace. Means of grace come from God to us. Prayer goes from us to God. But prayer asks for grace, and so is a means *to* grace. The Word and Sacraments convey grace in answer to prayer, and thus are means *of* grace. The distinction is a clear one, and one of utmost importance. Our young people ought to understand and be able to explain the Scriptural doctrine of the means of grace, and to hold in mind the distinction between that which is sacramental—the means of grace, and that which is sacrificial—our offerings to God, of Prayer, praise, confession, gifts of whatever kind.

2. *Prayer is to be based on the Word of God.* —the Psalmist had the right conception

of prayer, and gave an excellent definition of it when he said (Ps. cxix, 49), "Remember the word unto thy servant upon which thou hast caused me to hope." Prayer is an appeal, resting upon a word of God, a promise which has given rise to hope, expectation, faith, in the heart of God's servant. Every such request is sure of answer, since God cannot deny His promise, for that would be to deny Himself. Search the Word for the promise you need, and then turn that promise into petition, and you have prayed a true, Scriptural, prevalent prayer. To pray aright, then, involves the knowledge of the Word. If you would have power in prayer, and if you would have appropriateness of prayer, be a Bible student. The Word brings faith. Faith seizes the Word and pleads it before God. That is prayer. And the sweetest and best form of communion in God, in the closet as in the public worship, is this responsive service, in which we hear God speak to us, and then we speak to Him, only to be answered again by His gracious response, and thus to be quickened anew to address ourselves to Him. True communion is not monologue, but dialogue.

9th week after Trinity. July 27, 1902.

Our Diaspora

(Acts viii : 1-8)

Historical Topic reviewed by Rev. J. N. Lenker, D.D., Prof. Old Testament Exegesis, Trinity Seminary, Blair, Neb

While the words "Diaspora" and "Diaspora Missions" are almost unknown in our American Church, they are familiar, tender and instructive terms in our German and Scandinavian Lutheran fatherlands, and they are becoming more so. The organizations, literature and contributions devoted to this department of practical church work are on the increase. As the heathen mission field is growing less the diaspora mission field is constantly expanding by the change of country and of language. It will be the most important practical work of our Church of Christ in the future. It has already attained a world wide character. This has been caused by the leaven like development of the Kingdom of God and by the omnivagant character of our people.

Alas! the Lutheran Church fails to study the characteristics of her people. The Roman Church does not and cannot treat the Germans like the Irish, nor the Irish like the Poles, nor the Slavic like the Romance nations. She does not aim to destroy the national individuality of each people, but serves it and makes it serve her. How often the Lutheran missionary, on the other hand, is helpless in serving Christ even among his own brethren in the faith, when they are not of his own nationality! Missionaries often fail because they do not understand the diaspora condition of their fields. Our difficulties here in America are more ethnological than theological. A polyglot church ought to be able to gather a polyglot people into a polyglot congregation.

In the American schools, very un-American like, we study about everybody except ourselves. We miss the most interesting and profitable chapter in history. It is well to be acquainted with the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Indians and the Moundbuilders, but we are not their descendants. We must study thoroughly another people if we would allow ourselves. Three hundred years B. C. our Teutonic forefathers were peddling along the shores of the Baltic; 114 B. C., they were on the Alps, and about the same time they had already settled in the valley of the lower Danube. Thus, when the angels sang of the Saviour's birth in Asia the wandering Teutons, disciplined by emigration, were permanently located in the three strategic centers of Europe. Their descendants have a glorious history on land and sea. The Hanseatic Germans and the Viking Scandinavians colonized and made England; they discovered and settled America and laid the foundations of our modern civilization. A great prophet was raised up in their midst unto whom they hearkened. Luther was the Teuton of the Teutons, the greatest character the Gentile world has given to the Church of Christ. He spent his life at home in a little university village, but his people, for whom he lived, founded a Diaspora Church to minister to their deep spiritual nature to the ends of the earth, which neither Calvin nor any other non-Teuton can satisfy. If we know not the diaspora character of our Church and people we know neither and will serve neither the most efficiently.

Migration creates a double mission field and a double obligation, the one for the country they leave and the other for the country to which they come. Thus our Church in Scandinavia has missions among the Scandinavians in Germany and among Germans in Scandinavia. Likewise the Church in Germany. Language causes a more complicated dispersion. Often in the same town you find a German, Swedish and Norwegian-Danish diaspora, but their church loyalty is not strong enough to unite them together in an English Church.

The character and needs of the diaspora mission differs according to the country; whether it is (a) Roman Catholic, as Austria, France, Italy and South America;

(b) Greek Catholic, as European and Asiatic Russia; (c) Protestant, as England, Switzerland, North America and Australia, or (d) heathen lands, as in Africa and Asia.

The greatest need and danger, strange to say, is in reformed countries, where it is more difficult to gather our people into Lutheran congregations than in Catholic lands. Great Britain, Holland, Switzerland and the United States illustrate this. Had all our people who emigrated to England and Scotland from the adjoining Lutheran countries of Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden since the Reformation been conserved to the Lutheran Church, Lutheranism would to-day be the second strongest Church in both of those countries, and as such it would have made itself felt in the English Empire. The fact faces us that in all the British Isles there is not a single English Lutheran congregation. In Paris and vicinity there are 16 French Lutheran congregations, and in St. Petersburg there are Lutheran congregations which worship only in the Russian language, yet in London, the metropolis of the English world, there is not a single English Lutheran church. Moreover, there are no prospects for one, unless the young Lutherans of America establish it. Should not the Luther League consider the claims of this field ?

In Reformed Switzerland there were, in 1888, 229,650 people who were born in Germany, a large part of whom were Lutheran, and yet the first Lutheran church among them was not organized until October 25, 1891. The territorial, linguistic and synodical diaspora fields in the United States are before our eyes for study.

Practical Suggestions

1. *Agencies to gather our people.*—Ordained ministers, traveling missionaries, lay missionaries, parochial schools, Sunday schools, deaconesses, liberal circulation of periodical and book literature.

2. *The lesson of vital statistics.*—The net increase of births over deaths in Germany is 846,000 annually and in Scandinavia 130,000. The population in the fatherlands is increasing, notwithstanding the large emigration. The natural growth of the Lutheran Church in the world is almost a million per year.

3. *Immigrant statistics* into the United States from 1821 to 1898 were as follows: From Germany, 5,061,888; Ireland, 3,843,994; Scandinavia, 1,425,521.

4. *The United States census of 1900* says: Of 10,460,000 foreign born citizens, 2,669,164 were born in Germany, 1,067,667 in Scandinavia, 843,491 in England, 234,699 in Scotland, 1,619,469 in Ireland, 3,736,831 in Germany and Scandinavia and 224,176 more in Scandinavia than in England.

5. *Results are cheering.*—The Church of England reports, outside of the British Isles, 6,618,000 members, while the Lutheran Church of Germany and Scandinavia reports 21,100,000 members abroad. Quite a difference.

Daily Bible Readings

June 1. I Trinity—I Peter 1 : 22-25.
Monday—Genesis 6 : 1-8.
Tuesday—Genesis 41 : 25-36.
Wednesday—Daniel 1 : 1-21.
Thursday—Matthew 9 : 35 ; 10 : 15.
Friday—Acts 17 : 16-34.
Saturday—Romans 16 : 1-27.

June 8. II Trinity—Luke 24 : 44-48.
Monday—Matthew 28 : 16-20. (R.V.)
Tuesday—Matthew 26 : 26-30.
Wednesday—John 3 : 1-17.
Thursday—Romans 1 : 8-17.
Friday—Galatians 5 : 1-12.
Saturday—Ephesians 2 : 1-22.

June 15. III Trinity—Acts 22 : 14-16 ; I Corinthians 10 : 16.
Monday—Deuteronomy 32 : 1-14.
Tuesday—I Kings 9 : 1-9.
Wednesday—Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-15.
Thursday—Ezekiel 13 : 1-16.
Friday—Matthew 10 : 32-39.
Saturday—Romans 13 : 1-14.

June 22. IV Trinity—II Timothy 1 : 13, 14.
Monday—Habbakuk 2 : 1-17.
Tuesday—Ecclesiastes 7 : 1-6.
Wednesday—Isaiah 59 : 1-16.
Thursday—Proverbs 23 : 29-35.
Friday—I Corinthians 8 : 1-13.
Saturday—James 5 : 16-20.

June 29. V Trinity—I Corinthians 9 : 24-27.
Monday—Genesis 6 : 1-22.
Tuesday—Numbers 16 : 23-25.
Wednesday—I Samuel 2 : 12-17.
Thursday—Matthew 26 : 47-56.
Friday—Acts 8 : 9-24.
Saturday—Acts 24 : 24-27.

July 6. VI Trinity—Luke 7 : 29-35.
Monday—Genesis 9 : 25-27.
Tuesday—Psalm 72 : 1-20.
Wednesday—Isaiah 60 : 1-14.
Thursday—Matthew 16 : 13-20.
Friday—Romans 10 : 1-21.
Saturday—I Peter 4 : 1-19.

July 13. VII Trinity—Acts 13 : 1-5.
Monday—Psalm 92 : 1-15.
Tuesday—Ezra 9 : 5-15.
Wednesday—Daniel 9 : 4-19.
Thursday—Matthew 15 : 21-28.
Friday—Acts 1 : 1-14.
Saturday—James 5 : 13-18.

July 20. VIII Trinity—Isaiah 37 : 15-20.
Monday—Isaiah 63 : 1-19.
Tuesday—Jeremiah 2 : 31-37.
Wednesday—Ezekiel 2 : 1 ; 3 : 3.
Thursday—Daniel 12 : 1-13.
Friday—Matthew 21 : 33-46.
Saturday—Romans 11 : 1-12.

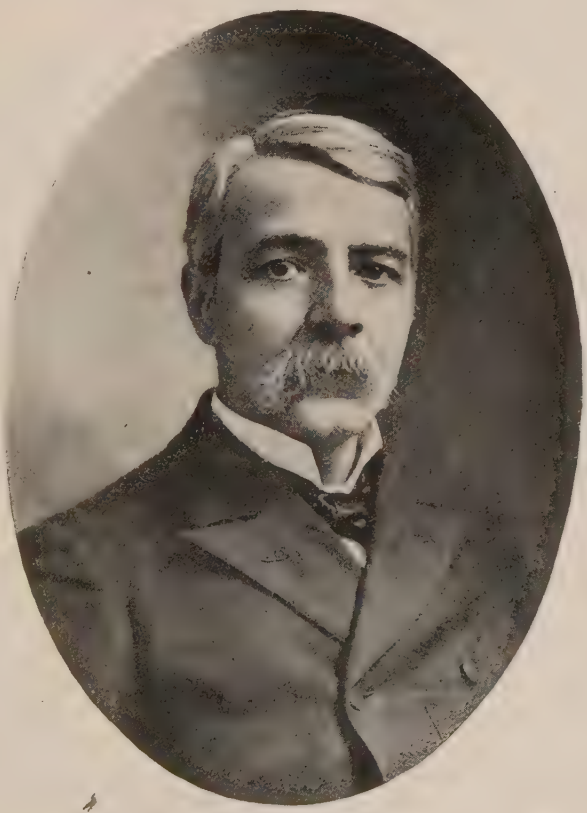
July 27. IX Trinity—Acts 8 : 1-8.
Monday—Genesis 17 : 1-14.
Tuesday—Deut. 29 : 10-29.
Wednesday—Joshua 5 : 1-9.
Thursday—Acts 15 : 1-31.
Friday—Matthew 19 : 13-15 ; Acts 2 : 37-40.
Saturday—Gal. 3 : 6-29.

Death of President Ruthrauff

of Wittenberg College

THE death of Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, D.D., president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, on May 6, was sudden and startling. He was in the office of John L. Zimmerman, Esq., one of the leading trustees of the college. Matters pertaining to the college had been discussed by the two, and at the end, when President Ruthrauff arose to go, he complained of a severe pain at the base of his brain. Scarcely had he made mention of the fact when he reeled and would have fallen to the floor had not Mr. Zimmerman caught him in his arms. He had repeated convulsions, and died at 3.50 in the afternoon.

John Mosheim Ruthrauff was born in Stark County, near Canton, January 13, 1846. He was graduated at Wittenberg College in 1871. He received the degrees of A. M. and D.D. from his alma mater. He was married May 28, 1879, to Miss Sarah E. Morrison. His wife, two sons, William and Mosheim, and one daughter, Nellie, survive him. He served in the United States army in the year 1864, in the Civil War.



PRESIDENT RUTHRAUFF

His first charge was in Louisville, Ky., 1872 to 1874. Here he laid the foundation for our present strength in that city. After this he served the following charges: Circleville, 1874 to 1876; Washingtonville, 1876 to 1880; here he was the pastor of the Zimmerman family, in the office of one of whose sons he passed away; Circleville, 1880 to 1885; Dixon, Ill, 1885 to 1895.

He was elected president of Carthage College in 1895, and remained at the head of that institution until 1901, when he was elected president of Wittenberg College. Dr. Ruthrauff was president of the Miami Synod at one time and was twice president of the Northern Illinois Synod. He was president of the Rock River Assembly, a summer Chautauqua, from 1888 to 1895, and has been delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church of America five times.

A Good Heart

A young Swede, who was a stable boy before he went to the mines, was fortunate enough to secure a good claim in Alaska, and to dig quite an amount of gold from it. His partner, also a Swede, asked him one day: "What are you going to do with your money?"

"I mean to do more for the world," was the quiet answer, "than the world ever did for me."

He did, too, for he has since given $50,000 to endow a college and a hospital in the far West.

The more you do for missions the more will the life of your home congregation be quickened.

Reduced Rates to Portland

On account of the National Convention, Travelers' Protective Association of America, June 3 to 7, and the Supreme Lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen, June 10 to 20, at Portland, Ore., the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Portland from all stations on its lines, from May 26 to June 7, inclusive, at greatly reduced rates. These tickets will be good for return passage within sixty days from date of sale when executed by Joint Agent at Portland and payment of fifty cents made for this service. Apply to Ticket Agents.

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Do you expect to attend the League Convention? Then there are a few things you ought to take with you to the convention.

"*Pray without ceasing.*"

Take a prayerful spirit. This is to be a convention of young Christians. It ought to be full of the spirit of Christ. To be this the individual delegates must come from prayer and with prayer.

"*Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice.*"

Take a heart full of brothely love, a heart determined to do good and to get good. Greet the other delegates in the spirit of good will and helpfulness.

"*Brethren, pray for us.*"

Take with you a fixed purpose to attend every session and stay through it. Our chief aim ought to be to attend the convention for work. If it is only to be an excursion for sightseeing better let a thoroughly conscientious delegate go in your place.

"*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.*"

Take a note book and a mind thoroughly wide awake, so that you may give a good account of yourself as a faithful steward. Remember, you ought to render a thorough comprehensive and helpful report to those who remain at home and have not had your privilege and opportunity.

"*But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*"

Take with you a keen realization of the importance of the League and the work it has set before it. Its aims and purposes are truly worthy ones, and you ought to esteem them highly. You ought to take the convention seriously and earnestly. It means work, great work, blessed work, a working together with your co-laborers and the Christ for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

"*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*"

A few questions for League members:

1. Are you regular in your attendance at both services on the Lord's Day?

2. Are you regular at the communion service?

3. Do you bear your share of the financial responsibilities of the Church?

4. Do you want your pastor to minister faithfully to your soul or only to please you?

5. Do you do your duty cheerfully ?

6. Do you take a Church paper ?

7. Are you, by your personal life, helping to make your Church a spiritual power ?

At the last meeting of the General Synod in Des Moines, Iowa, one of the delegates delivered an address on "The Religious Educational Literature for the Young," and in that address gave expression to the following thoughts upon the necessity of a thorough teaching of the Word and the need of thorough heart, as well as head, knowledge of the truths of religion: "The religious training of the young involves the idea of education. It is moral training; it is spiritual training; and these cannot be complete without some measure of mental training. The child must be taught in the great doctrines of the Word. In these days of hard matter of fact utilitarianism, of sharp thinking in all lines, when every man must be able to give an intelligent reason for his convictions and beliefs, the young people of our Church must be able to give an intelligent reason for their faith. Such religious educational training is of immense importance in its bearing upon all the departments of our Church work, but most important is the bearing upon our general Church work. Indeed, this bearing is intensely serious. In these days multitudes are drifting from the altars. A large proportion of the so-called unchurched in our cities are the children of the Church. Will any one challenge me when I say that it is due, in a measure at least, to the fact that our young people have not an intelligent comprehension of the foundations of their religion? It is a day of sharp thinking—errors of all kinds are put forth with an acuteness of statement that requires more than empty profession, or mere superficial religious emotion. Is it to be wondered at that multitudes are carried away by the mighty currents of thought, accumulating in such volumes in magazines, books and publications of all kinds, when they have no intelligent knowledge of the great doctrines of our holy religion?"

Publishers' Column

The new Topics for the quarter beginning June 1 were in the hands of subscribers by May 15. There are a few left for those who have neglected to order or others who desire to begin the use of the Topics. Some excellent Missionary and Historical Lessons are to be found in this number, besides the usual Biblical Topics. If you have not tried them send for a sample.

The books of the Reading Courses are meeting with an encouraging sale. Those who have secured the books are delighted with them and are recommending them to others. It is very easy to secure these books at little or no cost to yourself. For 15 new subscribers to the REVIEW, at 50 cents each, we will send the five books of the first course as a premium. Either of the other courses will be sent on receipt of 20 new subscribers at 50 cents each. You ought to have these books. If not for yourself, they should be secured for your League or Sunday school library. See particulars in another column, under Luther League Supplies.

Our new circular on Luther League Supplies continues to attract attention, particularly on account of the cut on the first page reproducing the Luther League Badge in colors, and also for the meaning of the badge, which accompanies it. Every member of your League ought to wear a badge. The discounts for quantities are given in our new circular.

Your League would do well to examine the Luther League Hymnal if you are contemplating using a new book. This book is gaining in favor steadily, and the demand is very large. It looks now as if another edition would be needed before many weeks have passed. We can supply both editions, with words and music and words only. Prices elsewhere in this issue.

The little booklets issued by the REVIEW, reprints of stories that have appeared in these columns, will be found excellent reading for the summer. They will serve you much better than the much used summer novel. "The Loyal Helpers," "John Westoff—Lutheran," "Window of Rubies," are 10 cents each, or 25 cents for the three, postpaid, on receipt of price.

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Our Junior Leagues

[Address Communications to Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.]

JUNE! the month of the great Augsburg Confession, the "Magna Chasta" for all Protestantism, read in convention at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530, just 372 years ago on June 25.

The awful event of the island volcanoes and their bursting forth in their death-dealing masses of rock, gas and ashes, is the parable of the state of sin in the human heart. It casts its fire and sends out its molten streams of death with frightful effect. Would, however, that all dissensions and strife in Church, State, society and home might be as quickly buried as the shadows and cinders of the burning hills concealed and consigned to oblivion the fields and cots of that devoted region.

QUERIES.

What is our Luther League doing for our Jewish people?

Could the Juniors raise the flowers with which to adorn the House of God?

Are any of our Juniors afraid to speak to their pastor?

Will it not well repay any Junior League, Sunday school, and, in fact, congregation, to cultivate the attendance of all people at services and social and business sessions?

Pastors! Do you take advantage of the existence of your Junior Leagues? Do you supervise them, help them, develop them, improve them?

Would it be possible to have an outing for your Juniors, say on the day of the Augsburg Confession? There are often beautiful spots to which our children can be taken for a happy day.

THOUGHTS.

Trust is the child of truthfulness. It is "home where the heart is," and when the Church becomes our "home" we return to it with longing and love.

Many young lives fail because they have never been fully awakened to their own spiritual value.

Investigation of the soldiers and warfare in the Philippines is an act of the conscience of a Christian nation.

Wars of mere aggression are only an expansion of the selfishness of each individual heart.

New "Cuba Libre" is the consummation of the month. Here is a new field where some day the Luther League Juniors may flourish.

New stars coming into view. Three new States, full of resources as to population and wealth, are in sight of the great American nation, each of these being probably greater than the possibilities of the entire nation of Cuba.

All giving in Christ's name is offering, and the general report is that Lutheran benevolence is growing.

Children's Day exercises may very delightfully be taken advantage of by our Luther League members.

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Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES

New York

— At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wartburg Orphan Farm School the election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Charles D. Boschen; vice-pres., John A. Prigge, Peter Reppenhagen; sec., Jacob F. Miller; treas., Martin Wulff. When H. R. H. Prince Henry was in America the imperial band accompanying him gave a concert, the proceeds of which were devoted to charitable purposes. We are glad to note that the Wartburg Orphan Farm School received $200 out of this fund. The gift is all the more acceptable because it was unsolicited.

— The honorary degree of doctor of laws (LL.D.) has been conferred by the New York University upon Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., pastor of St. James' Church and president of the Synod of New York and New Jersey. This is probably the first time in the history of our Church in America that so high a degree has been conferred upon a Lutheran clergyman by a non-Lutheran institution.

— St. James' Church, Dr. Remensnyder, pastor, has received a bequest of $1,000 from the estate of Miss Helena Wessels, a member who died recently. St. James' has received $11,000 in bequests during the last ten years.

— Ground has been broken for the new building of Holy Trinity Church, Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor, on Central Park West and Sixty-sixth street.

— St. Matthew's Church has redeemed the property of St. Stephen's Church in the Bronx and established a congregation.

Brooklyn

— The corner stone of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah, on Russell street, opposite Winthrop Park, Greenpoint, was laid on Sunday afternoon, May 4, by the pastor, the Rev. S. G. Trexler, in the presence of about 1,500 persons. Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Armand Miller of Holy Trinity Church, Manhattan; Rev. A. Steimle, president of the Brooklyn Missionary Society, and ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren. The congregation was organized October 30, 1899, and at present has a membership of about 90, with a growing Sunday school.

Philadelphia

— The forty-third anniversary of the Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged and Infirm, at Germantown, was celebrated in St. John's Church, Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., pastor, on Sunday, April 20, at 3.15 p.m. There was a goodly attendance. The children and many of the old people from the institution were present and participated in the worship. Addresses were made by Rev. C. P. Weiskotten of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Manayunk, and Mr. Henry Lehman, the venerable president of the institution. The secretary's and treasurer's reports showed that there are 103 children in the orphanage and 38 old people in the asylum.

— The Lutheran Church of the Apostles was consecrated on Sunday, May 11. The pastor, Rev. G. B. Hancher, Ph.D., was assisted by several visiting ministers and laymen. The building is of stone and, with the lot, cost about $23,000. The congregation was organized in 1897 with 80 members and the present enrollment is 180. The Sunday school has 280 members.

— A portable chapel has been built for the use of the Philadelphia Mission Committee and will be ready for dedication in the near future.

Washington

— Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, who was for several years business manager of the REVIEW, was May 5 elected Mayor of Kensington, Md., where he resides. Mr. Eckhardt is connected with the Washington *Star*.

Baltimore

— The Home Mission Board of the General Synod has decided to start a new mission at Arlington, a beautiful and rapidly growing suburb of this city. Mr. Herbert H. Hartman, a son of Secretary Hartman, has been commissioned for the work and will undertake it in June.

Chicago

— St. Peter's English Lutheran Church, Rev. H. B. Reed, pastor, was dedicated by Rev. G. H. Geberding, D.D., on Sunday, April 20. This is on of the first missions started by students of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary. Its present membership is 102, 38 of which number have been added during the past year.

— On Sunday afternoon, April 20, a new Swedish Church was dedicated in Irving Park, Chicago.

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MISCELLANEOUS

— An English Lutheran Church was organized in Yonkers, N. Y., last March. It will be known as the Church of the Redeemer and has a membership of about 30. A call was recently extended to Rev. J. W. Smith of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., to become its first pastor. Mr. Smith has accepted and will assume charge June 1. A prosperous Ladies' Aid Society has already been organized and a Luther League will be formed in the near future.

— The Third Lutheran Church, Rhinebeck, N. Y., Rev. L. D. Wells, D.D., pastor, has received by the will of Miss Shaffer of Red Hook, who died about two years ago, $1,000. Legal obstacles delayed a more prompt settlement.

— The new edifice of the Swedish Lutheran Bethesda Church of Gloucester, Mass., was dedicated on April 20 in the afternoon. Revs. C. F. Johansson and N. E. Kron from neighboring parishes assisted at the dedication.

— The Mission Number of *Lutherana* presents in its leading article by Rev. A. Aaron of Passaic, N. J., some very interesting facts in the history of the Lutheran Church in America.

— One of the subjects discussed at the recent meeting of the Eastern Conference of the Pittsburgh Synod was "The True Purpose of the Luther League."

— St. Michael's Lutheran congregation, Allentown, Pa., one of the strongest in the Lehigh Valley, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization on May 4. The principal speakers were Prof. Dr. G. F. Spieker of Mt. Airy, a former pastor of the church; Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz of Myerstown, president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and Rev. J. H. Waidelich of Sellersville. An historical sketch was read by the pastor, Rev. F. Steinhauser.

— Rev. A. S. Fichthorn has resigned his successful work in Norristown, Pa., and accepted a commission as missionary to India under the Board of the General Council. He will leave for the foreign field in September.

— The contract has been let for a new building for the Maryland College for Women, Lutherville, Md. It will be of brick, 72 x 40, three stories high, with an annex connecting it with the old building.

— The chapel of the Second English Lutheran Church of Wheeling, W. Va., costing $9,350, was dedicated on April 6. This mission was organized less than two years ago. Rev. W. A. Hartman is the pastor.

— Rev. R. A. Yoder, D.D., of Newton, N. C., was elected president of the United Synod South, in session at Charleston, S. C.

— By the will of the late Mrs. John Hefelbower $500 is given to the Lutheran Church at Knoxville, Md.

— The new Hamma Divinity Hall, Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, was dedicated Friday, May 2, with appropriate services. The structure cost about $15,000, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D.D., of Washington, supplying the funds needed more than was received as insurance on the building destroyed by fire. This returns to Wittenberg's institution the building for use of its theological department.

— Ten of the 11 students who will be graduated from the Theological Seminary at Columbus, Ohio, this spring have already received calls.

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

—The next meeting of the New York City League will be held on June 27 in the First Church, Mt. Vernon. It will be arranged to have the New York delegates go by special trolley cars. There will be special music provided for the occasion.

—The annual election of officers of the Young People's Society of Gustavus Adolphus Church was held May 2. The following were elected: Pres., Frank E. Jackson; vice-pres., Gustave Falkman; rec. sec., Albert J. Petersen; cor. sec., Hilda E. Wilson; treas., Walter Borklund; fin. secs., Misses Hildur and May Peterson. The society will be represented by a delegate at the national convention.

—At the annual election of officers of St. James' League May 22 the following were chosen: Pres., I. S. Runyon; vice-pres., Philip Ehni; rec. sec., Emma L. Hopfensack; cor. sec., Edwin Henes, Jr.; treas., Grace M. Wiechers. A resolution was adopted to continue the custom of paying the interest on $1,000 of the church mortgage.

Brooklyn

—The regular monthly meeting of the Central Luther League of Brooklyn was held in the Sunday school room of the Church of the Redeemer, Bedford avenue and Hewes street, Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, pastor, on Monday evening, April 28. By invitation there was present a delegation from the New York City League numbering more than 50. Mr. George P. Möller conducted the meeting and made a very cordial address of welcome to the guests, at the conclusion of which he presented Mr. I. S. Runyon, president of the Luther League of New York City, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Runyon responded to the greeting and, in part, said: "The Lutheran Church has an honorable history, and we dare not let our record fall below the standard. The declaration, 'Ye are the salt of the earth, ye are the light of the world,' has, to the Lutheran Church, a peculiar significance. The Luther League is in position to bear its share of this responsibility. Our motto, 'Of the Church—By the Church—For the Church,' places us where we cannot escape it. We are *of* the Church's membership, we exist *by* her authority and we work *for* her upbuilding. In the same Scripture I have quoted the Church is referred to as a city set on a hill which cannot be hid. A hill is a good place on which to be set, but a difficult place on which to stay. It has a valley on either side and the slopes are inviting. It is so easy and pleasant to descend them. On one side of the hill the Luther League stands on is the valley of sensational and sentimental religion. This is a tempting and deceitful slope. Spiritual disturbance and effervescence give a pleasant sensation, which is so easily mistaken for genuine and strong religious conviction and purpose. On the other side of the hill is the valley of religious apathy, or 'worldliness,' reached by the slope of social pleasures. It costs effort to stay out of these two valleys, but the gain is worth the cost, and more." Incidentally the speaker mentioned the coming national convention and urged its claims upon Leaguers in the East. Rev. F. C. Krapf, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, N. J., was present and briefly addressed the meeting, offering congratulation upon the tone of intelligent religion and true piety that pervaded the meeting. Mr. William J. Dilthy of the Brooklyn League made a short speech enjoining devotion to duty and a striving for the ideal in religion. A very excellent musical programme was rendered, chiefly by members of St. Paul's Choir, and refreshments were served. The meeting was a very pleasant and profitable one.

—The May meeting of the Brooklyn Central was held Monday evening, May 19, in the lecture room of Calvary Church, corner of Herkimer street and Rochester avenue, Rev. H. E. Clare, pastor, President Geo. P. Moller presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Clare. The subject of the fifth convention of the Luther League of America, to be held at St. Paul-Minneapolis, July 8, 9 and 10, was discussed and President Moller was selected as the representative of the Luther League of Brooklyn. A very interesting and eloquent address was delivered by the Rev. Emil Roth of Emanuel's Church, Brooklyn, on "Friendship," which was enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience. As this was the last meeting of the League for the season, President Moller made a brief address suitable to the occasion, expressing the hope that after pleasant vacations all may return with invigorated mind and renewed energy to our work.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Luther League of St. Paul's Church, South Fifth and Rodney streets, Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Hugo W. Hoffman, pastor, was held May 1 in the chapel of the church, President J. C. Hecker presiding. The meeting was a reception to the newly elected members from the confirmation class. A very cordial address of welcome was delivered by the president, and at the conclusion a very excellent musical and literary programme was presented and refreshments were served. The company consisted of fully 350 people. The League has 280 members, instead of 230, as was stated in error last month.

Rhinebeck District

—The twenty-fourth semiannual convention of the Central League of the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene and Ulster convened in St. John's Church, at Hudson, N. Y., on May 13, 1902. The first session was held at 10.30

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a.m. The interior of the church presented a very pretty and attractive appearance, the altar being decorated with ferns, potted plants and flowers; the speakers' desk was entirely covered with the League colors. The morning session was opened by prayer by Rev. U. H. Graves of Valatie, followed by roll call and reading of minutes of last convention. The corresponding secretary, Miss Ida M. Uline, read her report, showing that the League was in a flourishing condition, and that much work and good had been done by the local societies in the past six months. Treasurer John M. Shook reported satisfactorily. The president, James M. Reynolds, followed with his address, which closed the morning session. When both delegates and visitors, who numbered 90 or more, were invited to the church parlors there was waiting a bountiful repast prepared by the ladies. Rev. Graves of Valatie, acting as toastmaster, introduced Leonard Weaver of Hudson, responding to toast "Our Guests," followed by President Reynolds, "Our Hosts;" Rev. A. S. Hain, West Camp, followed, "Luther League Lutherans;" Rev. W. E. Traver, "The Past," and Rev. C. H. Traver, Churchtown, "The Luther League." Session opened 2 p.m. by devotional services conducted by Rev. G. B. Hiller of Athens. Prayer by Rev. Hay of Chatham, N. Y. Paper on "Lutheran Deaconess," written by Mrs. A. S. Hain of West Camp and read by Miss Lillie Miller, was very interesting and profitable, showing the writer had the interest of the League at heart, being thoroughly consecrated to her work. Paper by Mr. H. G. Van Hosen of Athens was read by him, "The Influence of the Young Men in the Church," followed by lengthy discussion from the pastors of the various churches. An appreciative address followed by Rev. W. F. Whittaker of Ancram, N. Y., "The Ego as Related to Christian Service." Election of delegate to national convention, Rev. Paul W. Holler of Hudson. The officers for the next year were chosen: Pres., James M. Reynolds, Valatie, Columbia; vice-pres., Miss Libbie Hilterbrant, Rondout, Ulster; Mrs. Jacob Clough, Greene; Miss Alice Traver, Rhinebeck, Dutchess; Annie Klememer, Columbia County; cor. sec., Miss Ida Uline, Athens; treas., John M. Shook, Hudson. Recording secretary was not decided, as the previous secretary, Miss E. Stupplebeau, resigned. Evening session convened at 7.30. Anthems and solos by the choir were beautifully rendered, followed by devotional services conducted by Pastor Koller. The address of Rev. C. W. Heisler, D.D., of Albany, N. Y., "Up-to-Date Lutheran," was enjoyed by all. After closing exercises by Pastor Koller the twenty-fourth semiannual convention of R. L. L. stood adjourned.

Albany District

— On Monday evening, April 21, the Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Utica, Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, pastor, gave a very pleasant reception to the newly confirmed members of the church. A very fine musical programme was rendered and refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Troy, Rev. N. E. Yeiser, pastor, has given the church 48 copies of the Book of Worship.

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— The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Albany, gave the newly confirmed members of the church a reception on May 5. At the recent election the following officers were chosen: Pres., John Strenger; vice-pres., Minnie D. Lehmann; sec., Christina Bonheyo; treas., Grace Woods.

Rochester District

— On Thursday evening, May 22, the Luther League of Rochester and vincinity held the regular bi-monthly meeting in St. Paul's Church, Pittsford, N. Y. A full delegation and many friends left Rochester at 7.45 via the New York Central. Rev. Dr. G. H. Gomph was elected German recording secretary and Chas. H. Weniger English recording secretary, to take the places of Frederick Welner and Miss Catherine Gomph, retired. The election of delegates to the national convention to be held at St. Paul resulted as follows: Delegates, F. E. Gugelman and Carrie Smith; alternates, W. J. Steinhauser and Amelia Hoehn. The topic for the evening's discussion was "The Luther League and Home Missions," which was presented by Prof. L. F. Gruber of Wagner College. After the discussion of the above topic a social half hour was spent in the chapel, after which the Rochester Leaguers left, arriving home about midnight.

Buffalo Central

— The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, Buffalo, Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, pastor, has guaranteed $100 toward the support of the foreign missionary recently undertaken by the Buffalo Central League, and private annual subscriptions have been made for $55 of the amount. The membership is 91 and the

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— The Luther League of Holy Trinity, Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., pastor, has for 11 years furnished a monthly parish paper to the congregation for free distribution.

— Buffalo young Lutherans say their Luther League was never as prosperous as it is to-day. Undertaking to support that foreign missionary seems to have proven an elixir.

NEW JERSEY

— The second of a series of meetings for the promotion of the Luther League cause was held May 1 in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Elizabeth, N. J., Rev. F. C. Krapf, pastor. In all respects the meeting was a success. Mr. T. Clem. Beck, president of the State League, presided; Rev. Prof. Lars H. Beck, president of Upsala College, at New Orange, conducted the opening service, and Rev. E. E. Neudewitz of Jersey City read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer. E. F. Eilert, editor of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, was introduced to speak on "The Luther League as a Church Organization." His address was, in the main, an historical review of the Luther League movement, and bore testimony to the closeness of the relation of the League to the Church itself. "The League is not," he said, "a church within a church, but rather the Church working for and through its young." I. S. Runyon, president of the Luther League of New York City, spoke on "Lay Work in the Luther League." "In discussing this subject," Mr. Runyon said, "we must discuss lay work in the Church, or even go a step still further back and consider the sphere of the Church and its particular mission. As over against merely humanitarian and philanthropic work, the preaching of the Gospel is of paramount importance." With much clearness and detail this speaker outlined the history of the institution of the ministry of the word and that of mercy of which the early diaconate was the beginning. Along the lines of the latter lies the lay work in the Church, and for the Luther League it should be chiefly educational. The Rev. C. G. Fischer of Elizabeth spoke on the subject "The Luther League of New Jersey and Its Accomplishments." Recognizing the apparently small results in League extension, he yet claimed and demonstrated that along many lines lasting results have been achieved. The closing vesper service was conducted by Pastor Krapf. Pastor A. Aaron of Passaic pronounced the benediction. President Beck announced the application of the society from Passaic for membership in the State League. The informal reception at the rooms of the pastor was in charge of the local League and was an enjoyable affair.

— The Young People's Society of the German Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Rev. C. G. Fischer, pastor, observed its tenth anniversary May 12. Edward Meloth, president of the society, was in charge of the exercises, which consisted of an address of welcome by Frank Snyder, addresses by Rev. Dr. Hatter of Jersey City, and T. Clem Beck, president of the New Jersey Luther League. Recitations were given in a pleasing manner by Miss Augusta Neubeck and piano solos by Frank Snyder, Jr. Regret was expressed because of the absence of the pastor, Rev. Christian G. Fischer, who was detained by temporary illness. He sent his regards, and heartily thanked the society for the gift of the handsome rocking chair which was sent to the parsonage on Saturday evening. The League's gifts to the church in the decade aggregate $750. The present membership is 88 and the officers are: Pres., Edward Meloth; vice-pres., Ernest Trautmann, Fred Kuechel; rec. sec., Emil Fischer; fin. sec., Augusta Neubeck; treas., Anna Koenig.

— The Luther League of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Passaic, Rev. A. Aaron, pastor, has a membership of 55 and holds meetings the first and third Thursdays of each month. The officers are: Pres., Emil Toren; vice-pres., John Benson; rec. sec., Carl J. Swanstrom; fin. sec., Carl Nordstedt; cor. sec., Carl Eliason; treas., Jennie Sweeson; usher, August Johnson.

CONNECTICUT

— The Luther League of German Trinity Lutheran Church of New Haven held its regular meeting at the church on May 12. About 75 attended and greatly enjoyed the lecture on "Muscular Christianity" given by Mr. Louis Leyerzaph, assistant instructor at Yale Gymnasium. The lecturer greatly impressed the fact upon all that it is highly essential for all Christians to have sound bodies. The body is only the overcoat of the soul, the lecturer said, and should be well cared for, because one with a strong body can do much more real Christian work than one who is subject to physical weakness which unfits him to meet the demands made upon the Christian workers of to-day. The League is to give an excursion on May 30 to the Wartburg Orphan Farm School, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and has voted to help build a new church at the Wartburg School to take the place of the one destroyed by fire last November.

— The Young People's Society of the German Emanuel Lutheran Church of New Haven observed its second anniversary on Tuesday evening, May 6, by a service in the church. Pastor Geo. Heczko preached the anniversary sermon. After the service all were invited to the meeting room, where a pleasing entertainment and social was held. This society, although small in numbers, has proven the value of a young people's society in the church, as it has been a great help to the church.

— The Young People's Society of the Swedish Maria congregation, New Britain, celebrated its nineteenth anniversary recently. The historical address was given by the pastor of the church, Rev. S. G. Ohman. An address was delivered by a visiting minister, Rev. E. A. Zetterstrand.

PENNSYLVANIA

— Mr. Charles A. Dennig, Jr., has been appointed chairman of the Credentials Committee of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Frank F. Fry.—A. Raymond Bard, president.

— The Young People's Societies of Grace Church, Allegheny; of Christ's Church, Harrisburg; of York Springs and of Homer City have each assumed the support of a native worker in the India mission field since the beginning of the present year.

Philadelphia

— The convention of the Philadelphia Central Luther League was held in St. Mark's Church, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, on Thursday evening, May 29. The convention was addressed by Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk on "If Luther Came to America."

— On May 1 a Luther League was organized in St. John's Church of Ogontz, Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor. Wm. Wackernagel, son of Rev. Dr. Wackernagel, of Muhlenberg College, was elected president.

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Central

— The Luther League of Zion's Church, Phœnixville, Rev. J. B. Haigler, pastor, recently elected the following officers: Pres., Grant Detwiler; vice-pres., Elwood Fryer; sec., S. Luther Gilbert; asst. sec., Clyde Bean; fin. sec., Bertha Garber; treas., John U. Bean. The League has given $20 to missions. Interesting devotional meetings are a feature of the work. One of the young men of the League was recentely elected an officer of the church.

Allentown District

— The ninth annual convention of the Allentown District Luther League was held recently at Bethlehem, with afternoon and evening sessions, the president, Charles C. Dennig, Jr., of Easton, presiding. The president's report showed the Central to be in prosperous condition, and contained the recommendation that a committee of five ministers be appointed to prepare a "post-confirmation" course for the Leaguers. This recommendation was adopted. The address of the afternoon session was delivered by Mr. A. A. Kunkle of Allentown on "The Work of the League in Profession and Practice." The evening session was addressed by Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman of Chester on the subject "Some Things a Lutheran Ought to Know," and Rev. J. H. Waidelich of Sellersville on "Holy Day *vs.* Holiday." All the addresses were timely, practical and impressive, and were intently listened to. The following officers were elected: Pres., A. A. Kunkle, Allentown; vice-pres., E. M. Haus, Fountain Hill; rec. sec., Ralph E. Kline, Allentown; cor. sec., Alice Oberly, Easton; treas., Charles A. Jones, Bethlehem.

Northeastern Central

— The regular semiannual convention of the Northeastern Central Luther League was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre, Rev. J. F. Beates, pastor, on Tuesday, April 22. Three sessions were held and delegates representing 11 societies were present. Two new Leagues and one Young People's Society were admitted to the organization—Emmanuel's of Dorrance, Rev. J. F. Bruch, pastor; Mt. Zion, Slocum, Rev. J. F. Bruch, pastor; St. John's Young People's Society, Honesdale, Rev. Behrens, pastor. Rev. W. C. L. Lauer of Scranton conducted the opening devotional services. The address of welcome was made by Rev. Beates, the pastor loci, and responded to by Mr. Calvin B. Frey, vice-president of the Central. The report of the statistical secretary showed the League to consist of 11 societies, with a total membership of 425. Papers were read on the following topics: "Consecration," P. W. Banker of Christ League, Wilkes-Barre; "Education the Hand Maid of the Church," L. Roll, St. John's League, Wilkes-Barre; "Developing Dormant Factors in Church Work," Will Shuler, Trinity League, Scranton; "Our Music," Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., St. Mark's League, Scranton. At the evening session Rev. E. F. Retter of Scranton addressed the convention on the subject "Our Lutheran Heritage." Officers were elected as follows: Pres., P. Walter Banker, Wilkes-Barre; vice-pres., Fred. Ringler, Scranton; rec. sec., Miss Grace Gerlock, Scranton; cor. sec., Miss Emma Hager, Gouldsboro; treas., Miss Josephine Rohrwasser, Scranton. Delegates were elected to national and State conventions.

Reading Central

— The most largely attended quarterly meeting ever held by the Central Luther League of Reading and vicinity was the April meeting at Fleetwood. It was decided that hereafter each League will hold one meeting a year to which all the other Leagues will be invited specially. Two additional Leagues were reported and they will be admitted at the next meeting, to be held in St. John's Church, Boyertown, Rev. A. M. Weber, pastor, on July 11. An invitation from Grace League, Reading, to hold the annual convention in that church next October was accepted. The topic for discussion was "The Spiritual Work of the League," and those participating were J. Howard Bielig, Rev. M. C. Honne, D.D., Miss Heft, Rev. M. H. Stettler, Rev. W. A. Snyder, Charles Reed, C. C. Esterly, Geo. M. Jones, Rev. J. W. Early, all of Reading; Rev. J. H. Raker, Topton Orphans' Home; Rev. A. K. Schenck, pastor loci, and Henry Weigle. The annual reunion, which heretofore has been held on one of the mountains near Reading, will this year be held at the Topton Orphans' Home.

— The Luther Leagues of Grace, St. James', Hope and Trinity churches, Reading, gave largely attended receptions to the recently confirmed catechumens. About 700 members were added to the Lutheran churches in Reading on Palm Sunday by rite of confirmation.

— At its April business meeting Grace Luther League, Reading, elected 38 new members. St. James' Young People's Guild also elected ten new members.

— On April 20 the Shoemakersville Luther League, Rev. D. G. Gerberich, pastor, celebrated its fifth anniversary in the presence of an audience that crowded the church edifice to the doors. Addresses were made by the pastor, Prof. H. N. Heckman, Miss Mary Kline and A. Raymond Bard, president of the Luther League of Pennsylvania. A musicale and literary programme was also rendered. The present officers of the League are Hon. F. Leonard Reber, pres., and Miss Mary Miller, sec. The membership is 57, and during the last year almost $100 was raised, of which $10 was spent for L. L. Hymnals, $15 for frescoing the walls of the church and $25 for missions and general benevolence.

— Rev. D. G. Gerberich and members of the Shoemakersville Luther League recently organized a Luther League in Centreport. Although this town has two churches (neither of them Lutheran) and a population of only 141, the new League already has 65 members and is doing good work. It will doubtless result in the formation of a Lutheran Church organization in the near future. The officers of the League are: Pres., Miss Mary Kline; sec., Hon. John E. Pautsch.

— Luther Leagues will shortly be organized in St. Michael's and Belleman's Union churches by the pastor, Rev. D. G. Gerberich.

Catawissa Central

— On April 20 a Luther League was organized in St. John's Church, Berwick, Rev. N. Sheffer, pastor. The meeting was well attended and the League was organized with 11 members. The officers elected are: Pres., C. S. Waltz; vice-pres., Mrs. Theo. Berger; rec. sec., General Karchner; cor. sec., Luther Kunkle; treas., Mrs. Samuel Garrison; organist, Mrs. Chas. Sherman. The League Topics were adopted. There is every prospect of a thriving society. At its fourth meeting, May 11, the number on the roll was 48.

Pittsburgh Central

— The twentieth convention of the Central Association of Lutheran Young People's Societies was held in Grace Church, Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, Rev. G. Irving Lenker, pastor, on Tuesday, May 20. After the opening services the convention was called to order by the president, Rev. J. M. Guss of Etna. The greetings were extended by Miss Katie Goetzinger, president of the Junior Luther League of Grace Church. The reports of the various officers and committees were encouraging, as was also the reports of the various societies on the Luther League Reading Course, showing that many had adopted the plan of reading outlined by the Executive Committee. Seventeen societies, comprising a membership of 750, were represented. Rev. G. I. Lenker read a paper, prepared by the Rev. W. E. Schramm, on the subject of "Young People and Public Worship." This was followed by an address by the Rev. W. Ira Guss of Duquesne, and a paper by Miss Elizabeth Voltz on the subject "Music for Our Young People." This brought out considerable discussion, the substance of it being that only the best of church music should be used, that the music should appeal to the heart only, that it was not necessary to go outside the Lutheran publication houses for it, and that the so-called "Gospel hymns" should never be used in a Lutheran church, as the music, for the most part, is only a jingle and the sentiment often unscriptural. Our young people should be educated up to a much higher standard. Next came a paper on "Committee Work in Local Society," by Mrs. Chas. P. Wiles, followed by one on "Helps in Junior Work," by Chas. W. Fuhr. A resolution was passed recommending a better plan for the securing of payment of dues. Another, instructing the delegates to the national convention, to present to the latter body the matter of securing better topics for the Junior work. The method suggested was to give some plan of study suitable for the Juniors, such as daily Scripture readings leading up to the main topic, these to be the Gospels and biblical and other historical characters. The following delegates were elected to the national convention: Miss Emma A. King, Geo. A. Baldwin, Rev. J. A. Zundel; alternates, the Rev. J. M. Guss, Chas. W. Fuhr. To the State convention, the Rev. J. M. Guss, Chas. W. Fuhr, Mrs. Chas. P. Wiles, the Rev. G. I. Lenker and W. J. Cupps; the alternates, Miss Sadie S. Cupples, Mrs. A. K. Shanor, the Rev. W. E. Schramm, A. W. Smith and the Rev. S. N. Carpenter. At the evening session the Rev. T. S. Brown conducted the vesper service, which was led by the Lutheran Choral Union, assisted by the Junior Luther League. A paper on "Childhood and the Kingdom" was read by the Rev. S. N. Carpenter, and, after the Luther League Rally Hymn, an address on "Young People and Their Opportunities" was made by the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., of Pittsburgh. The convention then closed with the vesper service. The next one will be held in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grant street, Pittsburgh, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, pastor.

— The Lutheran Choral Union has closed its second season and will open again on the first Monday of September. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: Pres., W. J. Cupps; vice-pres., Louis Klein; rec. sec., Chas. Lepley; fin. sec., Miss Sadie S. Cupples; treas., W. H. Seifrid; librarian, Chas. Roadman; assistant, E. B. Barry; director, Frank Benbow. An outing, to take place next month, is being arranged for.

— The Parish and Mission Society of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, pastor, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Pres., A. W. Smith; vice-pres., H. W. Bikle; sec., Miss Hattie J. Fuhr; treas., Chas. W. Fuhr; organist, Miss S. B. Barry. It was decided to extend to the Pittsburgh Central an invitation to hold their next convention in this church.

OHIO

— A Luther League was organized on May 14 by the Rev. George H. Schnur in his church at Chillicothe with 15 members. The officers are: Edward J. Hermstein, pres.; Ella Schnieder, sec.; Tillie Bartels, treas.

— A Luther League with 30 charter members has been organized in the church at Upper Sandusky, of which Rev. E. S. Remsberger is the pastor.

ILLINOIS

— The Luther League of St. Matthew's Church, Chicago, Rev. George P. Kabele, B.D., pastor, consists of 30 members and has an average attendance of 28 at its regular meeting on Sunday evening. The League recently increased the church's supply of the Book of Worship.

— The Young People's Society of the Swedish congregation at Bloomington has paid the money owed Augustana College on the apportionment plan by the congregation. The sum was $140.

MINNESOTA

— The eighth convention of the Twin City Central Luther League was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Paul, on Monday, May 5. The devotional service at the morning session was conducted by Rev. F. E. Jensen. Rev. C. L. Warstler extended to the delegates a cordial welcome and response was made by the president, Mr. Nels Jensen. Mr. John Peterson of the United Church Seminary League then presented a very instructive paper on "Some Things that Will Insure Us Good Individual Leagues," and a general discussion of the subject followed. The report of the Visitation Committee showed good results and the committee was continued. The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with a devotional service conducted by Dr. Trabert. The Executive Committee reported by its chairman, Mr. Nels Jensen, who read, in addition, a short paper outlining the work. The report of the Extension Committee, given by Mr. M. S. Kindseth, showed that very good work has been done in this department. A resolution was adopted extending to the committee the thanks of the convention for its active and efficient work. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the national convention, reported that good progress is being made in the preparation for this event. A resolution was adopted authorizing the corresponding secretary to gather and compile statistics of the membership of the Leagues connected with the Central. A forcible paper on "Stick-to-itiveness" was read by Mr. Harry J. Johnson of St. John's League of Minneapolis, and general discussion followed. Mr. Herbert Anderson, Mrs. L. B. Shotwell and Jennie R. Caines were elected delegates to the national convention. The evening session opened at 8 o'clock with a devotional service conducted by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt. Prof. W. K. Frick of Milwaukee gave an able address on "Our Larger Lutheranism." The convention closed by singing the Luther League Rally Hymn.

Book Notes

THE PERFECT PRAYER AND ITS LESSONS. A Devotional Study of the Lord's Prayer, on the Basis of the Explanations in Luther's Small Catechism. By Pastor C. Armand Miller, M.A. Pp. 141. 50 cents. General Council Publication House, 1522 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

There has recently been no book come to our desk to which we would give heartier commendation than to this one. It will prove especially valuable to pastors and teachers generally for their catechetical work; it is none the less a book for all Christians in the culture of their prayer life. We do not believe that there has been published in the English language for the people in general a better exposition of the Lord's Prayer. It is strong, for it rests upon true doctrinal foundation and refers constantly to Luther's compact explanations. It is living, for it is the essence of the author's well-known devotional spirit. It is wise and full, for behind it lies an experience of many years in careful study and instruction. It fills a lack in our English Lutheran literature. Nobody shall ever cover all the meaning of the "Perfect" Prayer; if, therefore, the reviewer now suggests certain corrections and additions for future editions, it is not for the purpose of speaking anything against the value of this publication, but merely as minor details of explanation; meanwhile the reviewer has himself gained much from the study of the book. In the "Introduction" of the Prayer, "our" may be noted as a word of Love, "Father" of Faith, and "who art in Heaven" of Hope. The idea of adoration and praise certainly inheres in the entire first part of the Prayer, but the first petition, considered as an ejaculation before it is considered as a petition, contains supremely adoration and praise and thanksgiving. The explanation of the second petition would better include the reference to the opposing Kingdom of Satan, rather than to place it under the third petition. As marking the doing of the Father's will "in heaven," why not refer to the beautiful obedience of heavenly bodies as well as of heavenly beings. In the fourth petition renewed emphasis should be placed upon "our;" it involves benevolence; we pray for the bread of others besides our own, and sometimes the Father gives to the one the bread for the others, for wise reasons in the training of them all. The distinctions made by the author upon the meaning of "as" in the fifth petition do not agree with his following explanations; the explanations are right, the distinctions are not; better to take the statement as Christ has given it. In the sixth and seventh petitions there is a combination marked by "but," and the fuller truth thus comes out, which allows us to see how our Father is really the author of our temptations, since His tests and trials for our good give Satan an opportunity for our harm; while we shrink from the trials, as implied in the sixth petition, yet we pray again in the seventh petition that if He sees them necessary, He would in those hours deliver us from the evil one's opportunity and influence. (See Gen. 22: 1, and Matt. 4: 1. Compare also as parallels Christ's prayer in Gethsemane and in John 12: 27-28.) We make no special mention of the merits of the explanation throughout, since they are so abundant and since their real value shall only accrue to the many whom we hope and feel confident will wish to possess and read and study the book. We repeat the author's prayer in his "Preface," and note the beautiful appropriateness of the "Dedication."

A COLONY OF MERCY; OR, SOCIAL CHRISTIANITY AT WORK. By Julia Sutter. Paper, pp. 238. London: Horace Marshall & Son. For sale by Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia. 35 cents net.

This book, now in its fifth thousand, gives a highly interesting account of the work carried on in the Ravensberger District of Germany. It reveals what we need to understand in America, the method and the spirit of grappling with the social problems. Germany has long ago solved many of them, and we are only at the A, B, C; we are positively provincial therein. One learns herein more fully what Inner Missions are in the Fatherland; what the Deaconess work is and the source of its strength; what the care of epileptics, tramps, degenerates and all manner of unfortunates demands; what, above all, the Christian obligation and privilege are in all these things. The peculiar value of the publication lies in the fact that it comes not from Germany, but from England. One reads it with the consciousness of the demand for and happiness in a life of complete loving service to Christ and of complete serving love to man.

THE CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH. Some Occasional, Special and Other Sermons. By Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D. Pp. 440. $1.75. General Council Publication House, 1522 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Dr. Seiss' many volumes of sermons have made his homiletic method and spirit so well known as to need no further mention here. In this volume are included sermons delivered on synodical, jubilee and national occasions; for installations and dedications; a few of them deal with unusual texts (*e. g.*, Christ's Taking away of His People, on Luke 17: 34-37); some are on special topics (*e. g.*, The Descent into Hell; which is more frank than is usual in discussions thereof); one or two have in substance appeared in previous volumes from him (*e. g.*, The Church's Unity, much like 17th Sunday after Trinity in his "Lectures on the Epistles"). In his Preface the author himself says he considers these sermons among his best, and a careful perusal of many of the included sermons justifies the statement; therein also is proper and large commendation of the volume.

THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS APPLIED TO SOME QUESTIONS OF TO-DAY. By Robert E. Speer. Pp. 280. 80 cents net. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York.

It is probable that the method of this book was suggested by Harnack's application of the principles of Christ to certain problems as it is found in his "Essence of Christianity." There is also a suggestion of that once widely read book of Sheldon's, "What Would Jesus Do?" The matter and the purpose do not agree with either of the above, however. There is the aim to realize the spirit and principles of Jesus, and to show their practical application upon some 50 or more subjects, like Prayer, the Will of God, Temptations, the Church, Forgiveness, Marriage, Riches, War, Death, the Bible, the City, the Nations, &c. They are brief, practical, Scriptural. Without having read them all, we found those perused earnest, suggestive, clean-cut, and interesting. The series would form a good one for Bible class study.

DOROTHY VERNON OF HADDON HALL. By Charles Major. Illustrated by Howard Chandler Christy. The Macmillan Co. 12mo, $1.50.

In his new novel Mr. Charles Major has thrown down the glove to those writers of historical romance who have long since satiated their readers with bold adventurers, promiscuous maidens, and bloodshed. To be sure in the first six pages of "Dorothy Vernon" six men are killed; but this done in the most natural way possible, and then the author, speaking through the lips of Malcolm Vernon, gives us a pure love story, fresh in newly revealed caprices of both sexes, and delightful in incident and dialogue.

Church Items

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— The Lutheran Mission at Cambridge, Ohio, is taking steps for the erection of a new brick church. Over $1,000 have already been secured.

— Governor Yates of Illinois has accepted the invitation of Augustana College and Seminary to make the principal address at commencement in June. Judge Grosscup of Chicago accepted the invitation to make the chief address on Founder's Day, which took place April 27.

— A law library has been secured by Bethany College for the use of students of the institution. It numbers between 500 and 600 volumes.

— The new edifice of St. Paul's Church, Davenport, Iowa, Rev. W. H. Blancke, pastor, was consecrated on Sunday, May 4. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. E. F. Bartholomew, D.D., of Augustana College, and several other clergymen participated in the three services. The act of consecration was performed by the pastor.

— Chas. M. Stieff, the well-known piano manufacturer of Baltimore, will shortly celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of his business, which has steadily grown so that he now has eight branch stores and agencies in different parts of the country.

— The Meneely Bell Company, Troy, N. Y., recently shipped to Lincoln, Neb., a chime of ten bells, which will be known as a McKinley memorial chime. It will be placed in the tower of St. Paul's Methodist Church and will be played on all public and patriotic occasions. The bells cost $6,000, and that amount was raised by popular subscription among the citizens of Lincoln and vicinity.

East and West

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"What is the matter, my boy?" Mr. Colburn cried, springing forward. "Are you sick?"

"Sick at heart," was Luther's reply, as he flung himself limply into a chair and recited to his uncle the incidents of the evening.

"My poor boy!" said his uncle, laying his hands lovingly on the young man's shoulders. "I pity you from the bottom of my heart. I know what it is to suffer as you are suffering now."

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Toronto Convention Report

The report of the Student Volunteer Convention, held recently at Toronto, is being edited by Rev. H. P. Beach, M.A., the educational secretary of the movement. It will contain full reports of the platform addresses and condensed reports of the various section meetings. Although the price of the book bound in cloth is $1.50 postpaid, orders sent in immediately will be received at $1 postpaid by the Student Volunteer Movement, 3 West 29th street, New York City.